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Amherst, New Hampshire

ANNUAL REPORTS

of the

Town Officers

of

AMHERST, N. H.

for

THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1950

Also

Officers of School District

For the Year Ending June 30, 1950

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

Harold H. Wilkins

Selectmen

Arthur L. Underwood, 1 Year

Maurice E. Barrett, 2 Years

Donald H. Davis, 3 Years

Treasurer

Catherine A. Kruger

Town Clerk

Catherine A. Kruger

Tax Collector

Hiram R. Elliott

Highway Agent

Harold L. Aldrich

Constable

Albert Junkins

Auditors

Orson S. Bragdon

George H. Howard

Supervisors of the Check List

Hiram R. Elliott

Ethel W. Emerson

Lilla M. Brown

Sexton of Cemeteries

Clarence H. Hagar

Fire Wards

Ashton L. Martin, Chief

Arthur L. Daniels, 1st Assistant Chief

Frank F. Richardson, 2nd Assistant Chief

Trustees of Trust Funds

Roy Davis, 1 Year Arthur Bonney, 2 Years
 Elizabeth Hall, 3 Years

Library Trustees

Mrs. George Huntington	1 year
Henry B. Mitchell	1 year
Cleaveland Campbell	2 years
Nelle L. Holmes	2 years
Laurence Clark	3 years
Bertha L. Piper	3 years

ZONING OFFICIALS

Administrative Official

William C. Vose

Board of Adjustment

George A. Knight	1 year
Arthur L. Underwood	2 years
John C. Duff	3 years
Norman F. Slayton	4 years
Fred Mosher	5 years



TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst in the
County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified
to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in
said Amherst on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of March,
next at eight of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon
the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the
year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary
to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make
appropriations of the same.

3. To see if the Town will vote to give the Selectmen
and the Town Treasurer authority to borrow money in
anticipation of taxes.

4. To see if the Town will vote to allow a discount
of One percent (1%) on taxes paid by May 1st, 1951,
any person paying 80% of their tax bills by May 1st,
1951 to be allowed benefit of the aforesaid discount.

5. To see if the Town will vote to request either the
Tax Commission or the Selectmen to complete a re-
appraisal of land and buildings within the Town to
equalize valuations in accordance with the law and to
raise and appropriate money for this purpose.

6. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a gift
the deed to a triangle of land bounded by Main Street,
Route 101 and Knight Street, from Miss Honora Spald-
ing in memory of her mother, Rebecca Atherton Spald-
ing, and to raise and appropriate money to beautify the
same.

7. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Muni-

cial Court the salary of the justice of which shall be paid from the proceeds of said Court, but in no event to exceed the statutory minimum of \$100 annually.

8. To see if the Town will vote to extend the street lighting system on route 101 to the Lyndeborough Road.

9. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue and abandon that part of the Thornton's Ferry Road between the abandoned railroad right of way and the Boston Post Road, subject to an easement in favor of the Amherst Water District to lay and maintain water lines over the same route, Provided, however, that Depot Road can be extended to the Thornton's Ferry Road without cost to the Town.

10. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue and abandon that part of Jones Road between the New Boston Road and the Mont Vernon Road.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$650. for painting the auditorium of the Town Hall and refinishing the floors thereof.

12. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to appoint a Committee for the purpose of holding hearings and naming the streets of the Town.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400. for the control of White Pine Blister Rust in Amherst, in cooperation with the State Forestry and Recreation Department.

14. To see if the Town will vote to amend that part of the Zoning Ordinance under Article I, Section 1, item 2 (Roadside District) so that Route 13 will be included therein.

15. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 3 of the Zoning Ordinance so that the Roadside District shall enjoy the same restrictions and regulations

as are contained in Article I, Section 2, item C, D, and F of said ordinance.

16. To see if the Town will vote to allow the School District to use part of the dining room of the Town Hall as a classroom in 1951 and 1952, if necessary.

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$682.50 for hydrant rental, being the estimated pro-rata amount of the yearly hydrant rental. This charge is based upon fire protection water being available and approved by the underwriters July 1st, 1951 and is based upon a rate of \$65. per hydrant per year, adjustment to be made to the Town pro-rata from any later date of acceptance.

18. To see if the Town will vote to grade, gravel and surface treat with oil that part of the New Boston Road from the junction of the Mont Vernon Road to the Mont Vernon line near the residence of Warren McCullough, and to raise and appropriate money for the same. (By petition)

Given under our hands and seal, this 23rd day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-one.

ARTHUR L. UNDERWOOD,
MAURICE E. BARRETT,
DONALD H. DAVIS,
Selectmen of Amherst.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

ARTHUR L. UNDERWOOD,
MAURICE E. BARRETT,
DONALD H. DAVIS,
Selectmen of Amherst.

Comparative Statement of Appropriations, Expenditures and Budget

	Approp. 1950	Expended 1950	Overdraft (Credits Applied)	Credit	Unexpended Balance	Estimated
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1875 00	\$ 1870 00			\$ 5 00	\$1875 00
Town Officers' Expenses	1400 00	1235 12			264 88	1400 00
Election and Registrations	250 00	357 44	\$ 107 44			150 00
Auto Permit Fees	400 00	451 12	51 12			450 00
Town Hall	1200 00	1670 26	175 26	295 00		1200 00
Police Department	500 00	458 66			41 34	500 00
Fire Department	2580 00	4422 22	1273 89	568 33		3000 00
Bounties		2 00				
Dog Damage		66 94				
Spraying	200 00	195 00		5 00		200 00
Health Department	50 00	17 00			33 00	25 00
Vital Statistics	100 00	62 00			38 00	75 00
Street Lights	1550 00	1633 12	83 12			1700 00
Library	1000 00	1000 00				1000 00
Town Aid	500 00	193 53			306 42	1000 00
Summer Maintenance Roads	7000 00	7021 69			72 38	7000 00
Winter Maintenance Roads	4833 94	4973 52	**94 07			*4000 00
Oiling	6000 00	5997 28			2 72	5000 00
General Expenses Highway Dept.	400 00	773 62	195 02	178 60		400 00
Town Dumps	250 00	248 30			1 70	200 00

Town Road Aid	980 69	980 69	1011 06
Memorial Day	150 00	121 76	28 24
Soldiers' Aid	500 00	528 22	150 00
Parks and Playgrounds	600 00	574 02	500 00
Cemeteries	1050 00	1149 67	600 00
Old Age Assistance	2000 00	2080 44	1100 00
Interest	250 00	206 89	2200 00
Legal Advice	100 00	62 20	250 00
Taxes Bought by Town		2055 91	100 00
Merrimack Valley Reg. Assoc.	100 00	100 00	200 00
Souhegan Valley Nursing Assoc.	200 00	200 00	
Temporary Loan		12000 00	
Town Clock	25 00	31 00	6 00
Trustees of Trust Funds		2383 00	25 00
County Taxes	7940 94	7940 94	7940 94
School Taxes	45437 97	**42944 96	55,385.51
New Equipment (Grader)		4410 00	
Insurance			450 00
Refunds		30 60	
Grader Note	797 97		797 95
Totals	\$90,271 51	\$110,449 17	\$99,885.46
* To be adjusted at Town Meeting			
** Fiske Highway Fund, \$37.96; State, Gas Refund, \$56.11			
*** Town Fiscal Year			

TAXES ASSESSED

°Total Town and School Appropriations		\$90,271 51
Less Estimated Revenues and Credits		
Interest and Dividend Tax	\$7260 00	
Railroad Tax	36 11	
Savings Bank Tax	156 20	
State Land Tax	25 00	
Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	2650 00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	4500 00	
Rent of Town Hall	250 00	
Sale of Tax Deeded Property	800 00	
Interest Received on Taxes	400 00	
Dog Licenses	400 00	
Pistol Permits	5 00	
	-----	16,482 31

		\$73,789 20
Plus Overlay		991 15

		\$74,780 35
Less 742 Poll Taxes at \$2.00	\$1484 00	
Bank Stock Tax	56 20	
	-----	1,540 20
Amount to be raised by Property Taxes, on which Tax Rate is figured on		-----
at \$100.00 Valuation, \$4.66		\$73,240 15

° See preceding pages for Statement of Appropriations

COMPARATIVE INVENTORY

	1949		1950	
Land & Buildings		\$1,480,525.00		\$1,455,870.00°
Electric Plants				
(Public Service				
Co. of N. H.)				91,984.00
Timber		48,305.00		
Horses	50	5,720.00	44	4,000.00
Oxen	2	400.00	2	400.00
Cows	387	45,210.00	390	44,460.00
Neat Stock	45	3,950.00	30	2,510.00
Sheep & Goats	23	230.00	24	245.00
Hogs	90	1,800.00	53	1,060.00
Hens	18136	22,670.00	20454	22,387.00
Water System		300.00		300.00
Portable Mills	4	1,700.00	5	4,500.00†
Wood & Lumber		5,380.00		14,000.00
Gasoline Pumps		1,865.00		1,790.00
Machinery		5,000.00†		1,300.00
Stock in Trade		14,200.00		13,650.00
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		\$1,633,255.00		\$1,658,156.00
Veterans' Exemption		87,320.00		97,800.00
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		\$1,549,935.00		\$1,560,356.00
Tax Rate, per \$100.00		\$5.10		\$4.66
School Tax Rate		\$2.64		\$2.88
Town Rate		\$2.88		\$1.78

°Exclusive of Growing Wood and Timber

†Including Road Machinery

BALANCE SHEET**ASSETS**

Cash	\$15,857 23
Capital Reserve Funds:	
(For the acquisition of equipment and new construction)	
Grader Fund	333 00
Accounts Due to the Town:	
Due from State:	
(b) Timber Yield Tax	293 45
(c) Bounties	2 00
Unredeemed Taxes:	
(b) Levy of 1949	1,465 90
(c) Levy of 1948	500 17
Uncollected Taxes:	
(a) Levy of 1950	13,106 05

Total Assets	\$31,557 80
Grand Total	\$31,557 80

LIABILITIES

Due to School Districts:	
(b) Balance of Appropriation	15,000 00
Capital Reserve Funds	333 00
Long Term Notes Outstanding	1,595 90

Total Liabilities	\$16,928 90
Excess of assets over liabilities (Surplus)	14,628 90

Grand Total	\$31,557 80

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

CAPITAL ASSETS

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$18,000 00
Furniture and Equipment	1,500 00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	7,500 00
Furniture and Equipment	3,000 00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	3,500 00
Equipment	10,000 00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	800 00
Equipment	7,500 00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	5,000 00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	25,000 00
Equipment	4,000 00
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	\$85,800 00

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

AUTOMOBILE ACCOUNT

44 (1949)	Auto Permits, Jan. 1 to Mar. 1, 1950	\$ 109 60
899	Auto Permits, Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1950	5288 46

		\$5398 06

DOG ACCOUNT

2	Kennel Licenses	\$12.00 ea.	\$ 24 00
40	Female Dogs	5 00 ea.	200 00
203	Male and Spayed Dogs	2.00 ea.	406 00
12	Short Period Licenses		20 50

			\$650 50
	Commission for licensing dogs		51 40

	Total amount paid to Treasurer		\$599 10

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

LEVY OF 1950

Dr.	
Taxes committed to Collector	
Property	\$73,436 80
Polls	1,484 00
Bank Tax	58 80
	----- \$74,979 60
Yield Tax Warrant	783 11
Added Tax Warrant	
Property	\$ 4 66
Polls	38 00
	----- 42 66
Interest collected	\$ 3 08
Summons charges collected	26 60
	----- 29 68

Total Debits	\$75,835 05

Cr.	
Remittance to Treasurer	
Property	\$60,665 85
Polls	1,208 00
Bank Tax	58 80
Yield Tax	689 38
Interest	3 08
Summons charges	23 60
	----- \$62,648 71
By Abatements	
Property	\$53 29
Polls	24 00
	----- 77 29

Uncollected Taxes per Collector's List

Property	\$12,725 32	
Polls	290 00	
Yield Tax	93 73	
	-----	13,109 05
Total Credits		<u>\$75,835 05</u>

LEVY OF 1949

Dr.

January 1, 1950

To Uncollected Taxes		
Property	\$14,933 66	
Polls	330 00	
	-----	\$15,263 66
To Added Tax Warrant		
Polls		24 00
To Interest collected	\$590 40	
To Summons Charges collected	28 20	
	-----	618 60
Total Debits		<u>\$15,906 26</u>

Cr.

By remittance to Treasurer

Property	\$14,923 33
Polls	306 00
Interest	590 40
Summons Charges	28 20

By Abatements

	-----	\$15,847 93
Property	\$32 33	
Polls	26 00	
	-----	58 33
Total Credits		<u>\$15,906 26</u>

ABATEMENTS

From Levy of 1949	\$58 33	
From Levy of 1950	77 29	
Itemized list on file in Tax Office	-----	\$135 62

REDEEMED TAXES

To collected from Levy of 1947	\$106 32	
To collected from Levy of 1948	452 65	
To collected from Levy of 1949	479 96	
	-----	\$1,038 93
To collected Interest		44 53

By remittance to Treasurer		\$1,083 46

Summary of Tax Sales Account as of Dec. 30, 1950

Dr.	1949	1948	1947
Bal. unredeemed Jan. 1, 1950		\$952.82	\$106.32
Taxes sold Town Sept. 29, 1950	\$1945.86		
To interest collected	8.44	24.87	11.22
	\$1954.30	\$977.69	\$117.54
Cr.			
To remitted to Treasurer	\$479.96	\$452.65	\$106.32
To interest remitted to Treasurer	8.44	24.87	11.22
Unredeemed on Jan. 1, 1951	1465.90	500.17	
	\$1954.30	\$977.69	\$117.54

HIRAM R. ELLIOTT,
Collector.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

Received from:

Hiram R. Elliott, Tax Collector

1950 Property Tax	\$60,724 65	
1950 Poll Tax	1,208 00	
1950 Yield Tax	689 38	
1949 Property Tax	14,923 33	
1949 Poll Tax	306 00	
1950 Interest and Summons	26 68	
1949 Interest and Summons	618 60	
Redeemed Taxes and Interest	1,083 46	
	-----	\$79,580 10
Sale Doyle Property	779 69	
Rhoda DiNicola—taxes	118 40	
	-----	898 09

Catherine A. Kruger, Town Clerk

Auto Permits	5,398 06	
Dog and Kennel Licenses	599 10	
	-----	5,997 16

State Treasurer

Adams Bridge	348 05	
Bounty	25 25	
Forest Fire Training	14 42	
Forest Fires	119 65	
Gas Refunds	56 11	
Building and Loan Savings	158 63	
Railroad Tax	42 85	
Interest and Dividends	7,267 99	
Reimbursement Growing Wood and Timber	1,598 52	
Reimbursement State Forest Land	18 99	
	-----	9,650 46

Trustees of Trust Funds

Grader Fund	2,016 13	
Fiske Highway Fund	37 96	
	-----	2,054 09

A. L. Martin, Fire Chief

Use of Fire Truck	72 25	
Sale Tank off Truck	5 00	
City of Nashua Fire	58 00	
Town of Hudson Fire	41 01	
Town of Merrimack Fire	58 20	
Town of Wilton Fire	27 15	
Town of Mont Vernon Fire	102 05	
Town of Bedford Fire	15 45	
Boston & Maine Railroad Fire	54 15	
	-----	433 26

Harold L. Aldrich, Road Agent

Sale Old Equipment	178 60	
Rental Grader	364 00	
	-----	542 60

Gifts — Cemetery Fund

Mrs. Arthur Field	150 00	
Ralph M. Phillips	100 00	
William V. C. Hall	150 00	
F. Lester Hill	150 00	
Lendall W. Harding	150 00	
F. P. Laskey Estate (Flowers)	50 00	
Ruby Sargent	1,000 00	
Miles F. Ruiter	150 00	
Mrs. Ethel Emerson	150 00	
	-----	2,050 00

Clarence Hagar — Sexton

Use of Greens	20 00	
Sale of 7 Cemetery Lots	100 00	
Making over 4 Graves	80 00	
	-----	200 00

Selectmen

13 Pistol Permits	6 50	
Table	1 00	
1951 Yield Tax	92 64	
	-----	100 14

Rent Town Hall

American Legion	95 00	
Police Department	10 00	
Boy Scouts	5 00	
Baptist League	10 00	
Woman's Association	5 00	
Souhegan Grange	75 00	
Men's Club	75 00	
Robert Gerard	10 00	
Hudson Players	10 00	
	-----	295 00

Souhegan National Bank

Money borrowed in		
anticipation of Taxes	12,000 00	
2 Notes, purchase of Grader	1,595 90	
	-----	13,595 90

Filing Fees

10 00

High School T.E.A.

Damage to Fire Extinguisher	5 00
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Total Receipts

\$115,411 80

Plus balance on hand Jan. 1, 1950

10,894 60

Total

\$126,306 40

Paid out by order of Selectmen

110,449 17

Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1950

\$15,857 23

SUMMARY

Assets

Due from State Treasurer, Bounties	\$ 2 00
Uncollected Taxes	13,109 05
Taxes bought by Town, not yet redeemed	
1949	1,465 90
1948	500 17
State — balance Yield Tax	293 45
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	\$15,370 57
Plus balance in Treasury	15,857 23
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	\$31,227 80
Liabilities	16,627 82
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Assets exceed Liabilities by	\$14,599 98

Liabilities

Amherst School District, bal. appropriation	\$15,000 00
2 notes Souhegan National Bank — Grader	1,595 90
Interest on 2 notes	31 92
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	\$16,627 82

Receipts

Current Revenue:			
From Local Taxes:			
Property Taxes, current year	\$75,589 18		
Pol-Poll Taxes, 757, current year, regular at \$2	1,514 00		
National Bank Stock Taxes	58 80		
Yield Taxes	689 38		
Total current year's Taxes collected and remitted	-----	\$77,851 36	
Interest received on Taxes		645 28	
Tax sales redeemed		1,083 46	
From State:			
Gas refund		56 11	
Fish and Game Dept. (Adams Bridge)		348 05	
Interest and dividend tax		7,267 99	
Railroad tax		142 85	
Savings bank tax		158 63	
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal forest lands		18 99	
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber Bounties		1,598 52	
Fighting forest fires		134 07	
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:		25 25	
Dog licenses		599 10	
Permits and filing fees			16 50
Rent of town property			300 00
Income from departments:			
Grader rent \$364, cemetery greens \$100			464 00
Registration of motor vehicles, 1950 permits			5,398 06
Total Current Revenue Receipts			-----
Receipts Other than Current Revenue:			
Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year			12,000 00
Long term notes during year			1,585 90
Gifts—Maintenance of cemetery lots			2,050 00
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Funds (Grader Fund)			2,016 13
Sale of town property			
Real estate \$898.09, cemetery lots \$100			998 09
Old road equipment			178 60
Fire Department (surrounding towns)			434 26
1951 yield tax			92 64
Total Receipts from All Sources			-----
Cash on hand January 1, 1950			\$115,411 80
			10,894 60
Grand Total			-----
			\$126,306 40

Payments

Current Maintenance Expenses:		
General Government:		
Town officers' salaries	\$ 1,870 00	
Town officers' salaries	1,235 12	
Election and registration expenses	357 44	
Trustees of Trust Funds	2,383 00	
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	1,670 26	
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Police department	458 66	
Fire department, including forest fires	4,422 22	
Bounties	2 00	
Damage by dogs	66 94	
Health:		
Health department	17 00	
Vital statistics	62 00	
Town dumps and garbage removal	248 30	
Highways and Bridges:		
Town Road Aid	980 69	
Town maintenance		
(summer \$7021.69)		
(winter \$4973.52)		
(oiling \$5997.28)		
Street lighting	17,992 49	
General expenses of Highway Dept.	1,633 12	
Libraries:		
Libraries	773 62	
Public Welfare:		
Old age assistance	1,000 00	
Town poor	2,080 44	
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day	193 58	
Aid to soldiers and their families	121 76	
Recreation:		
Parks and playgrounds	528 22	
Public Service Enterprises:		
Cemeteries	574 02	
	1149 67	
Unclassified:		
Damages and legal expenses		62 20
Regional Association		100 00
Taxes bought by town		2,055 91
Discounts, abatements and refunds		30 60
Total Current Maintenance Expenses		\$42,069 26
Interest		
Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$178 67	
Paid on long term notes	28 22	
Total Interest Payments		206 89
Outlay for New Construction, Equipment and Permanent Improvements:		
Souhegan Valley Nursing Association	\$200 00	
Auto permits	451 12	
Care of town clock	31 00	
Spraying and care of trees	195 00	
New equipment (Highway \$4410)	4,410 00	
Total Outlay Payments		5,287 12
Indebtedness:		
Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$12,000 00	
Total Indebtedness Payments		12,000 00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
Taxes paid to County	\$ 7,940 94	
Payments to School Districts (approp. \$42,437.97)		
(dog license \$506.99)	42,944 96	
Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions		50,885 90
Total Payments for all Purposes		\$110,449 17
Cash on hand December 31, 1950		15,857 23
Grand Total		\$126,306 40

REPORT OF SELECTMEN**Town Officers' Salaries:**

Appropriation: \$1875.00

Expended:

Arthur L. Underwood, selectman	\$350 00	
Maurice E. Barrett, selectman	350 00	
Donald H. Davis, selectman	350 00	
Hiram R. Elliott, tax collector	300 00	
Catherine A. Kruger, treasurer	200 00	
Catherine A. Kruger, clerk	200 00	
Pauline Clark, trust funds	14 55	
Elizabeth Hall, trust funds	55 45	
Orson Bragdon, auditor	25 00	
George Howard, auditor	25 00	
	-----	\$1870 00

Town Officers' Expenses:

Appropriation: \$1400.00

Expended:

Arthur L. Underwood, use of car	\$ 20 00
Maurice E. Barrett, use of car	
and supplies	16 50
Donald H. Davis, use of car	15 00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	106 66
H. R. Elliott, clerical work,	
supplies and telephone	134 89
U. S. Auto & Truck Guide,	
guide book	6 00
Association of N. H. Assessors	2 00
Burnham Printing Co., printing	6 00
N. H. Tax Coll. Association, dues	2 00
Edson C. Eastman, supplies	11 55
Catherine A. Kruger, supplies	
and clerical work	30 84
Souhegan National Bank, deposit box	5 00
Lawrence Engine Co., furnishings	1 00

Cabinet Press, printing town reports, notices, etc.	552 70	
Brown & Saltmarsh, office supplies	6 39	
Paul Sadler Insurance Agency, bonds	70 00	
Donat Corriveau, deed transfers	37 90	
Otto Neugebauer, town seal	18 00	
A. L. Keyes Agency, bonds for town officers	15 00	
Wilfred J. Boisclair, furnishing names	90	
Sargent Brothers, printing tax bills	13 50	
State of N. H., engrossing	1 50	
Rotch Insurance Agency, Tax Collector's bond	61 00	
Vincent Brine, supplies	100 79	
	-----	\$1235 12

Expenses Town Hall:

Appropriation: \$1200.00

Expended:

Dwight P. Brown, janitor	\$260 00
Dwight P. Brown, fitting window sash	2 00
Draper Fuel Co., oil	411 62
Draper Fuel Co., parts and labor	77 00
Draper Fuel Co., service call	5 00
Draper Fuel Co., cleaning chimney	10 00
C. & W. Heating Co., fuel gas	97 50
C. & W. Heating Co., labor and supplies	38 40
William Hart, garbage removal	20 50
Thrift Stores Inc., supplies	17 18
R. S. Going, labor and supplies	86 51
The County Stores, supplies	106 90
Public Service Co. of N. H., lights	227 96
Manchester Oxygen Co., supplies	6 05
Clarence Hagar, supplies	3 32
Donald Davis, supplies	2 75

Catherine Kruger, supplies	14 42	
Economy Supply Co., sanding machine rental, supplies	10 25	
Andrew Raymond, supplies	52 58	
Leitch Engineering Co., labor and supplies	50 51	
Harry Duval, washing town hall windows	25 00	
W. H. Chase Lumber Co., supplies	9 81	
Laurence Clark, insurance	30 00	
Harry Carpenter, supplies and labor	5 00	
Elgin Burt, supplies and labor	100 00	
	-----	\$1670 26

Election and Registration:

Appropriation: \$250.00

Expended:

Harold H. Wilkins, moderator	\$ 24 00	
Hiram R. Elliott, supervisor	40 00	
Ethel Emerson, supervisor	40 00	
Lilla M. Brown, supervisor	40 00	
Frank Pearson, assistant town clerk	5 00	
Allen Howard, ballot clerk	24 00	
Howard Locke, ballot clerk	20 00	
Dwight P. Brown, assistant to voters	20 00	
George Howard, assistant to moderator	5 00	
Robert Hancock, assistant to voters	5 00	
Wilhelmina Brine, assistant to voters	8 00	
Edson C. Eastman Co., supplies	5 44	
The Cabinet Press, printing	121 00	
	-----	\$357 44

Auto Permit Fees:

Appropriation: \$400.00

Expended:

Catherine A. Kruger	\$451 12
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Police Department:

Appropriation: \$500.00

Expended:

Clark's Garage, battery	\$ 3 48	
Arthur L. Underwood, special officer	27 00	
Harold L. Aldrich, constable		
and special officer	70 75	
Albert Junkins, constable	335 43	
Farrar Co., light	13 00	
Harry Boutelle, special officer	9 00	
	-----	\$458 66

Parks and Playgrounds:

Appropriation: \$600.00

Expended:

Aubuchon Co., Inc., incinerator	\$ 3 98	
Snow removal	15 00	
County Stores, trash can	5 04	
Robert H. Kruger, contract	550 00	
	-----	\$574 02

Street Lights:

Appropriation: \$1550.00

Expended:

Village lights	\$1276 50	
Baboosic lights	356 62	
	-----	\$1633 12

Library:

Appropriation: \$1,000.00

Expended:

Amherst Town Library	\$1000 00
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Fire Department:

Appropriation: \$2580.00

Expended:

A. L. Martin, fire chief	\$ 25 00
A. L. Martin, forest fire warden	25 00

Arthur Daniels, first assistant chief	15	00
Frank Richardson, 2nd assist. chief	15	00
Richard Locke, janitor, fire house	75	00
Rotch Insurance Agency, insurance	268	62
Locke's Jenney Service, gas, oil and supplies	125	62
Bob's Auto Service, labor & supplies	127	44
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone	96	06
Laurence E. Clark, insurance	19	25
H. R. Locke, supplies	24	02
Public Service Co. of N. H., lights	100	74
Milford Grain & Coal Co., supplies	201	55
Clark's Garage, labor and supplies	167	20
William E. Bedders, hiring shovel	156	00
Merrimack Farmers' Exch., supplies	28	58
Fire Protection Co., supplies	114	20
A. L. Martin, fires	1856	26
C. & W. Heating Co., labor	11	55
Farrar Co., supplies	9	60
Lawrence Engine Co., firemen's salaries	200	00
County Stores, supplies	8	50
Forestry and Recreation De- partment, supplies	2	52
R. S. Going, painting fire house	320	00
Milford Motor Co., tires	74	01
Massachusetts Bonding & Insur- ance Co., liability	150	00
Wheeler Bros., roofing fire house	190	00
Charles A. Reynolds, supplies	3	78
Manchester Oxygen Co., supplies	4	00
M. L. Snyder & Son, supplies	7	72
-----	\$4422	22

Credits due Fire Department:

State forest fires	\$134	07
City of Nashua, fire	58	00
Town of Hudson, fire	41	01

Town of Merrimack, fire	58 20	
Town of Wilton, fire	27 15	
Town of Mont Vernon, fire	102 05	
Town of Bedford, fire	15 45	
Boston & Maine R. R., fire	54 15	
A. L. Martin, Fire Chief:		
Use of fire truck	72 25	
Sale truck tank	5 00	
	-----	\$568 33

During 1950 forty-nine calls were made, distributed as follows: 11 building fires; 8 chimney fires; 3 automobile fires; 6 grass and rubbish fires; 3 town dump fires; 3 oil burner fires; 1 tar barrel fire; 1 hay rack fire; 1 silo fire; 3 railroad fires; 2 State brush fires; 7 out of town fires.

Mutual aid was given to Mont Vernon, once; to Milford, three times; and Wilton, once. Man power at fires: 856 men. No. 1 Truck, Chevrolet, out 15 times; No. 2, Ford truck, out 46 times; No. 3, Ford tanker, out 31 times.

Improvements: the engine house has been shingled, also painted; the chimney has been re-built. Built the kitchen and tables, and have enough dishes and silverware to serve 40—all of which was given, no cost to the town. Dug one large water hole and cleaned out two holes.

A. L. MARTIN, Chief.

General Expenses of Highway Department:

Appropriation: \$400.00

Expended:

A. L. Keyes Agency, grader	
insurance	\$ 61 45
Rotch Insurance Co., town barn ins.	62 50
Paul Sadler Insurance Agency,	
liability	382 95

Harold Aldrich, supplies and remodeling town barn	266 72	
	-----	\$773 62

Soldiers' Aid:

Appropriation: \$500.00

Expended:

W. B. Rahmanop, medical care	\$ 62 50	
Thrift Stores	189 82	
Hillsboro Co. General Hospital	275 90	
	-----	\$528 22

Old Age Assistance:

Appropriation: \$2000.00

Expended:

Treasurer of State of N. H.		\$2080 44
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Town Aid:

Appropriation: \$500.00

Expended:

For Angelina Wilson:		
Willard Batchelder, wood		\$14 00
For Roland Goodwin:		
T. H. Kalil, X-ray	\$ 5 00	
R. D. Clark, oil	13 05	
Converse and Peaslee, slabs	6 00	
Thrift Stores	66 97	
	-----	91 02
For Mildred Wells:		
Hillsboro County General Hospital		14 50
For Mrs. Rachel Smith:		
County Commissioners		74 06

		\$193 58

Taxes Sold to Town on 1949 Levy:

Expended:

Hiram R. Elliott, tax sales exp.	\$110 05
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Hiram R. Elliott, tax sales	1945 86	
	-----	\$2055 91

Temporary Loans:

Expended:		
Souhegan National Bank		\$12,000 00

Town Clock:

Appropriation: \$25.00

Expended:		
Laurence Clark, insurance	\$ 6 00	
Dwight P. Brown, care of clock	25 00	
	-----	\$31 00

Town Road Aid:

Appropriation: \$980 69

Expended:		
Treasurer of State of N. H.		\$980 69

Spraying:

Appropriation: \$200.00

Expended:		
Newton Stockwell, cutting tree	\$ 75 00	
F. A. Bartlett Co., Inc., trimming,		
fertilizing	120 00	
	-----	\$195 00

Legal Expenses:

Appropriation: \$100.00

Expended:		
Charles Lincoln, retaining fee and		
telephone	\$56 20	
Fred Mosher, witness fees	6 00	
	-----	\$62 20

Memorial Day:

Appropriation: \$150.00

Expended:		
Charles Lincoln, band	\$70 00	
Maurice E. Barrett, speaker	10 00	

Everett H. Wheeler, cartridges	3 00	
Harold Aldrich, express charges		
for flags	1 26	
N. E. Decorating Co., flags	20 00	
Henry Davis, 4 wreaths	8 00	
Cabinet Press, printing	9 50	
	-----	\$121 76

Bounties:

Expend:		
Arthur L. Underwood		\$2 00

Dog Damage:

Expend:		
Albert Junkins	\$19 00	
Harold Aldrich	3 00	
Catherine A. Kruger	2 00	
Cabinet Press, advertising	1 20	
Wheeler & Clark, dog license books	10 42	
Cole Printing Co., printing	13 50	
Melzer, kennel forms	80	
The Phaneuf Press, dog tags	17 02	
	-----	\$66 94

New Grader:

Appropriation: \$4500.00

Expend:		
R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc.		\$4410 00

Tax Refund:

Expend:		
Clara M. Odell, overtax		\$30 60

Cemeteries:

Appropriation: \$1050.00

Expend:		
Maurice Young, cutting tree	\$ 20 00	

Clarence Hagar, making over lots (refunded)	80 00	
Clarence Hagar, on account	1049 67	
	-----	\$1149 67

Vital Statistics:

Appropriation: \$100.00

Expended:

Catherine A. Kruger, clerk	\$50 50	
Doctors and clergymen	11 50	
	-----	\$62 00

School District:

Appropriation: \$45,437.97

Expended:

Amherst School District	\$42,944 96	
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County Tax:

Appropriation: \$7940.94

Expended:

Treasurer of Hillsboro County	\$7940 94	
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Town Dumps:

Appropriation: \$250.00

Expended:

Harold L. Aldrich	\$248 30	
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Trustees of Trust Funds:

Expended:

Trustees of Trust Funds	\$2383 00	
(Grader Fund of \$333.00 included)		

Merrimack Valley Regional Association:

Appropriation: \$100.00

Expended:

Merrimack Valley Regional Association	\$100.00	
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Souhegan Valley Nursing Association:

Appropriation: \$200.00

Expended:

Souhegan Valley Nursing Association	\$200 00	
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Interest:

Appropriation: \$250.00

Expended:

Souhegan National Bank	\$206 89
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Health Department:

Appropriation: \$50.00

Expended:

Oscar Burns, services for 1950	\$17 00
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Summer Maintenance:

Appropriation: \$7000.00 — Credits \$94.07

Expended:

Harold L. Aldrich	\$7021 69
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Winter Maintenance:

Appropriation: \$4883.94

Expended:

Guy Nelson, Jan. 1, '50 to Mar. 10, '50	\$2552 12
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* Harold Aldrich, Mar. 11, '50 to Dec. 31, '50	\$2421 40
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* Against the \$2421.40, spent from March 11, '50 to Dec. 31, '50, \$750.00 was appropriated for snow fence at the Town Meeting, March 10, '50. The difference between \$2421.40, the amount spent, and the \$750.00 appropriated, is \$1671.40, which is the deficit for 1950.

Oiling:

Appropriation: \$6000.00

Expended:

Harold L. Aldrich	\$5997 28
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REPORT OF HIGHWAY AGENT Harold L. Aldrich

SUMMER MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$7000 00
Credit:	
Fiske Highway Fund	37 96

	\$7037 96

Refunds:

Motor Vehicle Dept., gas tax	\$56 11	
William E. Bedders, shovel	\$ 76 50	
William E. Bedders, dynamite and caps	54 00	
Lawrence A. Fowle, shovel	248 00	
Donald Dunklee, crane	20 00	
Orson Bragdon, tractor	390 00	
William A. Hart, truck	229 40	
Oliver Merrill, loader	12 00	
Ernest Wheeler, truck	21 70	
Richard Ramig, truck	27 90	
William A. Bedders, truck	27 90	
Frank Kennedy, truck	27 90	
Harold Aldrich, truck	1050 60	
Clark's Garage, gas	297 44	
Frances Joyce, gravel	35 60	
County Stores, Inc., supplies	17 82	
Ernest Gagnon, repairs	3 50	
Locke's Jenney Service, gas	1 33	
Hume Pipe Inc., culvert pipe	250 22	
R. C. Hazelton Co., parts	71 30	
Duracrete Block Co., catch basin	35 04	
Manchester Highway Dept., supplies	50 00	
Milford Paint Works, supplies	6 50	
Ray Road Equipment, signs	16 76	
Theodore Underwood, loam	18 00	
O. F. Winslow, gravel	10 20	
C. & W. Heating Co., supplies	5 08	

Anchor Steel Co., supplies	62 60
Larry Gendron, labor	4 00
David Young, grader operator	759 15
John Young, grader operator	127 05
Frank Bills, labor	843 45
Guy Bills, labor	574 25
Roland Goodwin, labor	63 75
Charles Hall, labor	654 85
John Bowler, labor	37 65
William Hart, labor	2 70
Arthur Hart, labor	6 30
Richard Hill, labor	4 50
Harold L. Aldrich, foreman	876 75

	\$7021 69

WINTER MAINTENANCE

Oliver Merrill, truck	\$ 94 50
William Hart, truck	189 30
Richard Weston, truck	101 50
Guy Nelson, truck	36 50
Harold Aldrich, truck	264 60
Milford Public Works, plowing	50 00
R. C. Hazelton Co., parts	392 73
Larry Gendron, welding	44 00
Ernest Gagnon, repairs	2 25
Lawrence Foss, repairs	7 50
Bob's Auto Service, repairs	7 95
Clark's Garage, parts	5 03
The Chemical Corporation, salt	118 90
Richard Weston, labor	6 80
Frank Bills, labor	104 10
Guy Bills, labor	39 35
Charles Hall, labor	135 20
Arthur Nichols, labor	16 15
Guy Nelson, labor	8 40
Roland Goodale, labor	13 60
John Bowler, labor	101 55

Benton Putnam, labor	9 00
Dewey Smith, labor	9 90
John Young, grader operator	7 35
Harold Aldrich, foreman	206 85
Ray Road Equipment, snow fence	148 50
The County Stores, Inc., supplies	3 79
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	\$2125 30

OILING

Appropriation: \$6000.00

O. F. Winslow, patch	\$ 438 88
Mrs. Bessie Balch, sand	64 10
Joseph Faye, shovel	88 00
Hume Pipe Inc., culvert pipe	124 85
Trimount Bituminous, oil	3505 50
Oliver Merrill, loader	315 00
William Hart, truck	306 20
Harold Aldrich, truck	427 20
Frank Bills, labor	90 95
Guy Bills, labor	171 70
Charles Hall, labor	119 00
John Bowler, labor	66 30
Roland Goodwin, labor	51 00
Howard Roby, labor	10 20
Harold Aldrich, foreman	218 40
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	\$5997 28

DUMPS

Appropriation: \$250.00

R. C. Hazelton Co., blades	\$150 00
Larry Gendron, welding and steel	45 00
Charles Hall, labor	7 20
John Bowler, labor	6 20
Harold Aldrich, grader operator	39 90
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	\$248 30

GENERAL EXPENSES

Appropriation	\$300 00
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Credit:	
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Town Barn income	178 60
(Sale of Old Equipment)	

Total	\$478 60
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County Stores Inc., supplies	\$16 73
Ernest Gagnon, supplies	7 20
John B. Varick Co., supplies	4 91
Harold Aldrich, supplies and toll calls	9 74
R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc., parts	11 00
W. H. Chase Lumber Co., posts	8 24
Boston and Maine R. R., signs	36 90
Larry Gendron, repairs	2 50
Clark's Garage, supplies	17 25
Merrimack Farmers' Exchange, supplies	5 45
Charles A. Reynolds, wiring and stock	29 63
Lorden Lumber Co., supplies	11 38
Harold Aldrich, labor	6 30
Redimix Concrete Service, Inc., concrete	35 25
Walter Chambers, stove	20 00
Merrimack Cement Block & Brick Co., blocks	27 87
C. & W. Heating Co., Inc., supplies	5 46
Public Service Co. of N. H., lights	3 36
Daniels Service, range oil	7 55
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	\$266 72

WINTER MAINTENANCE
January 1, 1950 - March 10, 1950
Guy H. Nelson, Road Agent

Oliver Merrill, truck and tractor	\$330 90
William Hart, truck	303 10
Richard Weston, truck	247 45
Guy H. Nelson, truck and tractor	535 10
Roger Weston, labor	16 15
Robert Weston, labor	7 65
Charles Hall, labor	71 40
Frank Bills, labor	130 90
John Bowler, labor	14 45
Albert Junkins, labor	10 00
Harold Aldrich, labor	3 40
Dewey Smith, labor	37 40
Roland Goodale, labor	26 35
Vernon Howard, labor	6 80
Albert Pixley, labor	11 90
Roland Goodwin, labor	5 95
Joe Hanson, labor	6 80
William Long, labor	4 25
Fred Hill, labor	11 05
Lawrence Nichols, labor	23 38
Howard Roby, labor	8 50
R. C. Hazelton, sander	195 00
Clark's Garage, gas	2 50
Milford Coal and Grain, salt	48 80
Merrimack Farmers, salt	43 70
Mrs. Balch, sand	22 40
R. C. Hazelton, parts	139 59
Larry Gendron, labor	44 50
Ernest Gagnon, parts	39 05
Guy H. Nelson, foreman	203 70
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	\$2552 12

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS
OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST, N. H.
For the Year Ending December 31, 1950**

On hand January 1, 1950	\$ 900 37
Accrued interest Souhegan Savings Bank	262 80
Accrued interest Wilton Savings Bank	403 75
Accrued interest Manchester Savings Bank	621 94
Total interest received in 1950	1567 42

	\$3756 28

RECAPITULATION

Balance on hand	\$ 889 60
Accrued interest Souhegan National Bank	296 86
Accrued interest Wilton Savings Bank	434 79
Accrued interest Manchester Savings Bank	688 71
Total amount expended in 1950	1446 32

	\$3756 28

ROY W. DAVIS,
ELIZABETH G. HALL,
ARTHUR P. BONNEY, Jr.,
Trustees of Trust Funds.

GRADER FUND

Souhegan National Bank Book No. 17015	
January 1, 1950, Balance	\$2016 13
April 10, 1950, Paid to Town Treasurer	\$2016 13
Souhegan National Bank Book No. 19268	
June 29, 1950, Deposit	\$195 00
July 12, 1950, Deposit	138 00

January 1, 1951, Balance	\$333 00

ROY W. DAVIS.

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS OF AMHERST, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1950.

Date of Creation	Trust Funds — Purpose of Creation	How Invested	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Bal. Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Bal. of Income on Hand at End of Year
1916	Amal. Cemetery No. 1	Amoskeag Savings Bank	\$ 375 00	9 1/2 %				
1916	Amal. Cemetery No. 2	U. S. Bonds	8,500 00	2 1/2 %				
1916	Amal. Cemetery No. 3	U. S. Bonds	2,000 00	2 1/2 %				
1916	Amal. Cemetery No. 4	U. S. Bonds	3,000 00	2 1/2 %				
1909	David Fiske Cemetery Fund	Souhegan Bank Savings Dept.	1,035 00	1 1/2 %				
1902	Parker Cemetery & Library Fund	U. S. Bonds	5,000 00	2 1/2 %				
1930	Special Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	12,300 00	2 1/2 %				
1932	George Putnam Cemetery Fund	U. S. Bonds	1,000 00	2 1/2 %				
1938	Alice Wilkins Cemetery Fund	U. S. Bonds	2,000 00	2 1/2 %				
1917	Fiske Highway Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	1,500 00	2 1/2 %				
1876	Spalding School Fund	U. S. Bonds	8,500 00	2 1/2 %				
1867	Aaron Lawrence School Fund	N. H. Savings Bank	375 00	2 1/2 %				
1894	Miss Lawrence School Fund	U. S. Bonds	1,500 00	2 1/2 %				
1923	Nutt School Fund	U. S. Bonds	5,000 00	2 1/2 %				
1927	French Library Fund	N. H. Savings Bank	1,000 00	2 1/2 %				
1928	E. L. Clark Library Fund	U. S. Bonds	500 00	2 1/2 %				
1915	George Library Fund	U. S. Bonds	500 00	2 1/2 %				
	James Day Library Fund	U. S. Bonds	6,000 00	2 1/2 %				
			\$61,585 00		\$2188 86	\$1567 42	\$1446 32	\$2309 96

Received for care of Cemetery lots:	Leon McDonald (Lasky - flowers)	50.00
Mrs. Arthur A. Field	Ruby L. Sargent	1000.00
William V. C. Hall	Miles Rutter	150.00
F. Lester Hill	Mrs. Ethel W. Emerson	150.00
Lendall W. Harding		
James H. Phelps		
		\$2050.00

ELIZABETH G. HALL,
Treasurer, Trustees of Trust Funds.

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ORSON H. BRAGDON,
GEORGE H. HOWARD,
Auditors.

January 25, 1951.

AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY — 1950 REPORT OF TREASURER

RECEIPTS

Jan. 1, 1950, Balance on hand	\$ 298 63
Town Appropriation	1000 00
Trust Funds	215 00
Fines, Sale of Books	129 18

	\$1642 81

EXPENDITURES

Books and Magazines	\$ 524 75
Salaries	416 00
Lights	25 83
Care of Grounds	35 00
Fuel	150 95
Supplies	116 13
Dec. 31, 1950, Balance Cash on Hand	329 20

	\$1642 81

LAURENCE E. CLARK,
Treasurer.

ANNUAL REPORT OF TOWN LIBRARY

The library has been an extremely busy place during the previous year.

There were 229 books accessioned during this period. Of these 105 were adult fiction, 35 non-fiction, 78 juvenile fiction and 11 juvenile non-fiction. In addition to these books, we subscribed for 20 magazines. There were 25 books donated to the library.

Grateful acknowledgement for gifts of money, books, and magazines is made to Mrs. F. V. Holmes, Miss Putnam, Mrs. Arthur Bonney, Mr. Cleaveland J. Campbell, Mrs. William Crooker, Mrs. E. B. Nichols, Mr. Charles Carruth, Mr. George Harding, and Mrs. Norwin S. Bean. We also wish to express our grati-

tude to Mrs. John L. Bailey for the beautiful painting which she gave to the library.

There were many articles of historical interest from the library which were on display at the Town Hall during "Open House."

Mrs. Walter Chambers has contributed many lovely floral arrangements throughout the past year.

In March, Miss Margaret Moser, who had served as librarian for several years, resigned and Mrs. Guy Nelson was appointed to serve in her place.

It was with much regret that the Library Board accepted the resignation of Mrs. George Huntington, who had been a member of the board for many years.

There have been 35 new patrons added during the year, making a total list of 480 patrons.

Circulation of books for the year was:

Adult fiction	3024
Adult non-fiction	575
Adult magazines	1307
Juvenile fiction	2969
Juvenile non-fiction	286

Total circulation 8161

Respectfully submitted,

MARION U. NELSON,

Librarian.

A NARRATIVE REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

The financial report, submitted by your Selectmen, does not give the full picture of the Town affairs, occurring during 1950. Statistics are significant, and should have a central place in a town report, but figures need to be supplemented with a narrative form of report, and with the thought in mind of meeting that need, we are presenting this story for your consideration. We trust that it may clarify any points, where there are apparent discrepancies, and provide for all of our citizens a larger and clearer view of our Town, as it functions in the field of municipal efforts and achievements.

Town Hall

Our beautiful Town Hall has been further beautified during the last year, due largely to the civic pride that has expressed itself in painting walls, improving floors, restoring the fireplace, hanging appropriate draperies in the Selectmen's office, and other worthwhile improvements. Much of this work has been made possible by free labor that has been gladly given. We feel that our Town Hall should be used by an increasing number of organizations, properly sponsored and directed.

Insurance

The matter of town insurance has engaged our attention. We have examined the various policies, covering property, liability and bonds. In addition, we have studied the matter of spacing the policies so that the insurance cost may be distributed on a more constant expense basis.

Schools

Amherst's school problem has become increasingly acute during these recent years. Hollis, New Boston and Brookline have a similar problem. During this

past year a committee, made up of representatives from these four towns, has carefully studied this problem; your Selectmen formed a part of Amherst's members on that committee. Out of our experiences with that group we have concluded that there is merit in every constructive proposal and careful consideration should be given to all of the proposals by all of the citizens of our Town.

Re-appraisal of Property

In connection with the re-appraisal of the taxable property of the town, the point we wish to accent is that there is a basis of equalization of appraisal among towns, followed by the State Tax Commission, that has a direct bearing on the town's borrowing capacity, the town's share in County Taxes, and the State's assistance in the matters of roads and schools. The valuation, made by the local assessors, is purely a matter of equalization of appraisal of property among our own taxpayers.

General Expenses Highway Department

According to the financial report in this department, there is an overdraft of \$373.62. A word of explanation is in order: During the year 1950, two liability insurance premiums were paid — one in January, covering the year 1950, the other in December, covering the year 1951. Furthermore, \$266.72 was spent for supplies and remodeling the town barn; against this item of expense, we have received \$178.60 from the sale of old equipment, as authorized in article 10 of the 1950 Town Warrant.

Town Dumps

A bulldozer blade was purchased for the grader, at a cost of \$150.00. Apparently this was a sound investment, since the cost of the actual care of the dumps has been markedly reduced.

Spraying

Your Selectmen have spent a part of the 1950 appropriation for spraying for the removal of one large tree (which was a peril) and trimming several other trees; in addition we have fertilized, where a tree expert has directed. Such a program seems to be in keeping with the program of the State Entomologist, J. G. Conklin.

Election and Registration

You will note that there is an over-draft in this department, amounting to \$107.44. This deficit is due to the fact that during the year 1950, both a primary and State election were held, and also, claims, larger than usual, were presented and allowed; this latter fact may be explained by stating that the voting hours were increased three hours. Your Selectmen would appreciate any constructive discussion, relative to the hours the polls should be open, together with amount election officials should be allowed.

Tax Discount

About the first of May, each year, the treasury of the Town reaches a low level. Your Selectmen feel that a discount of 1% on taxes paid by May 1st, will not cost the Town any more than the interest the Town has to pay on short term notes. Such a discount would be to the advantage of those in a position to use same, and at the same time, it would not work a hardship either on the Town or any citizen.

Timber Tax

The Yield Tax on timber, after one year's operation, amounts to \$783.11, as against \$2675.08, which the Town would ordinarily receive under the old system. However, the Town has been paid \$1891.97 by the State. The spirit of cooperation has been shown by the timber operators, thus making the system more

practical and simplifying the extra work of the Selectmen.

Town Roads

The "Long Range" program, covering a period of six years, set up in 1946, by the Road Commission, the Selectmen and the Road Agent, has been working out very satisfactorily. The program has three years to go, and the T.R.A. funds, for the next three years, are earmarked to complete the hard surfacing of the North Manchester Road, the Nichols and Mack Hill Roads, and the New Boston Road.

Municipal Court

We understand that no town that has a municipal court suffers any losses through salaries, and as a rule, the courts are more than self-sustaining and produce some revenue for the town. Should the income for the first year not equal the salary of the justice, the same shall not be paid out of the general funds.

Open House Days

The following summary is submitted by the Open House Committee, Richard D. LeMay, chairman:

Unanimous cooperation was never more apparent than on July 7th and 8th, last, when not only ten of the historic and colonial houses but the entire town opened its doors and hearts to welcome visitors from all New England. Results were achieved not only in dollars, but in expanded friendships, united effort and the frequently expressed pleasure of visitors, whose previous glimpses of our lovely village had inspired a craving for a glimpse behind the doors of the colonial homes.

At each house hostesses, in beautiful colonial costumes, welcomed the guests and pointed out the interesting and historical features. The Third Court House, now the Town Hall, was headquarters for registration and tickets. The Selectmen's office, transform-

ed to an 18th century setting, provided background for the display of the town treasures — flags, Proprietor's Records, Proprietor's Maps, portraits, measures, letters, etc. The fire engines were exhibited at the Fire House and on the Common, the Yankee and the Lawrence, with their accompanying equipment of helmets, trumpets, buckets, and early hose, attracted the attention of all. A most successful tea, both afternoons, and a luncheon, on the Commons, July 8th, were sponsored by the Woman's Association of the Congregational Church. Proceeds from our efforts were added to the fund being raised for interior renovation of the Second Meeting House, the present Congregational Church.

The open houses were the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Norwin S. Bean, Mr. and Mrs. Howard R. Locke, Miss Honora Spalding, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hixon, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin G. Bundy, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carruth, Mr. and Mrs. Otto K. Neugebauer, Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. LeMay, Mr. and Mrs. Philip B. Holmes, and Mr. Alfred Lincoln.

Town Report Award

The Bureau of Government Research, The University of N. H., awarded to Amherst second place in Class III, for the year 1950, in recognition of its 1950 Annual Town Report.

Amherst Village District

During the past year the bounds of the Amherst Village District have been revised.

With a keen sense of loss do we chronicle the death of Charles A. Tracy. Mr. Tracy was a highly respected citizen, whose keen interest in our Town was always in evidence; he wrought well and faithfully in those matters that make for a better community.

Our final word of this narrative report is: For the hearty cooperation that has been manifested by our

citizens, we do thank you. If, at any time, you feel that you have a grievance, make it a point to lay your grievance before us, and together we shall reach an understanding. Our tasks are many and varied, and since the human equation plays a part in all of our relationships, quite likely there are situations where injustices have been done; all such cases should be placed before your Board of Selectmen, with the full assurance that we stand ready to correct any and all mistakes, so far as possible. The international turmoil is an outgrowth of misunderstanding and suspicion; let us build, here in Amherst, a community where understanding is the key word, for where understanding prevails, suspicion and misgivings cannot thrive.

Ways and Means Committee Report

For School District Meeting December 16, 1950

Your committee recognizes in principle the urgent need for increased space, higher scholastic standards and additional teachers as described in the Amherst School Report.

The uncertainties caused by our current international crisis such as cost and availability of materials and labor and the rapidly expanding cost of government, which will be directly reflected in higher taxes, lead us to the conclusion that undertaking such a costly expansion as consolidation or building a new 4 room school, which will put the Town heavily in debt, cannot be recommended.

We feel that consolidation is the ultimate answer to our school problem; however a sound plan for consolidation will cost substantially more than indicated in the School Report. This is predicted because of greatly increased prices by the time such a plan is installed.

Also teachers' salaries represent a large proportion of the budget and if we want our children prepared to compete on an equal basis with the graduates of schools with higher standards, we must be able to hire teachers of equivalent background, training and experience. This will add substantially to the estimated costs as reported.

The complexities of a decision to consolidate now under the existing law, its amended version or our own enabling act are too many to discuss reasonably at a meeting such as this, however they have pointed to the following conclusions.

A definitely improved educational system must be adopted and its cost would probably be greater than our taxpayers could afford since the prime source of our taxes is personal property.

A sound consolidation plan will probably be one based on a state-wide program which should include state aid and an equitable distribution of expenses to all school districts.

To proceed with the construction of a consolidated school for the four towns which are now considering the plan would mean logically that it would be located

in Amherst. If state-wide consolidation materializes, the more logical location would be Milford, the center of a much larger consolidated school district. This means that an expensive school building would be in the wrong place and would be too small to meet the needs of a larger district.

Should the Town decide against consolidation, then building a four room schoolhouse in the village would be the next logical step; however, under today's conditions, a very expensive one. The school report shows an annual cost almost equal to consolidation but without the advantages of consolidation.

On the basis of the school census, such a school would be required to accommodate the first six grades even under a state consolidation of the secondary system.

We also feel that the teacher requirements would be the same as described above which means a larger annual cost than shown in the school report.

It would seem better judgment then to consider a progressive action which will alleviate the cramped quarters at a minimum cost to the Town during this period of uncertainty caused by the national crisis and the confusion of existing state laws and plans of the state department of education.

To this end, we recommend acquiring a local building which can be modified at reasonable cost to be used for classrooms. Then when economic conditions become more stable or the state presents a satisfactory plan of consolidation with state-aid, the Town can reconsider this problem under the new set of conditions existing at this future date.

At such time the building which we propose to acquire can be sold or possibly used as a home for the Headmaster.

Therefore, we move that a building committee made up of: Henry Merrill, Chairman; Oliver Merrill, Carl Merrill, Donald Stockwell, Tenney Clough and V. F. Holmes, with the Selectmen as ex-officio members, be charged with the responsibility of investigating the possibility of acquiring a building suitable for classrooms, with reasonable modification, and based on their findings to place in the warrant for the next annual school meeting an article to raise and appropriate the necessary funds to accomplish this end.

Report of Ways and Means Committee

The major problem of the school district is to decide what positive action will be taken to improve scholastic standards and to alleviate the crowded classroom conditions.

As stated in our previous report, your committee is certain that a sound consolidation will achieve these aims at the lowest possible cost. We feel strongly that continuing district action to accomplish this should be planned.

We do not feel that the proposed consolidation is sound and therefore recommend that it be rejected. It will impose a heavy tax burden. It would be difficult to accomplish now. We do not expect that it will be approved by all of the other participating towns.

We recognize that constructing a local four room building would delay ultimate consolidation indefinitely since the district cannot reasonably consider assuming the large capital expenditure for consolidation while carrying the financial burden of three school buildings. We recommend rejecting this proposal.

The plan to send our high school students to Milford receives our approval since, although it may be considered temporary, it leaves open the way for future consolidation by eliminating the need for any large scale capital outlay at this time.

It definitely will improve the scholastic standards, improve student morale and discipline and eliminate the crowded classrooms as no other temporary economical proposal can expect to accomplish.

Your committee recommends that the estimated expenditures, as presented by the various departments and listed in your school and town reports, be accepted and that the Town vote to raise and appropriate sums to provide for them with these exceptions:

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Article 9. We recommend that the district vote to raise and appropriate the sum necessary to increase the coverage on school property to its full insurable value.

Article 11. We recommend that the district vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1266.99 necessary to provide a \$100 bonus to the regular teachers to com-

pensate for the increased cost of living since contracts were signed for the present year (1950-51) and to pay the additional retirement allowances.

Article 12. We recommend that the district vote to reject this article.

Article 13. We recommend that the district vote to reject this article.

Article 14. We recommend passing over this article.

Article 15. We recommend passing over this article.

Article 19. If Article 18 is not adopted, we recommend voting to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$4200 to cover the cost of finishing off the two basement rooms of the Clark School, and partitioning off a room in the dining hall of the Town Hall. We recommend voting to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 in excess of the budget for operating expenses.

TOWN

Article 2. Library. We recommend \$1500 to enable the library to serve better the townspeople and the school.

Article 5. We recommend that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600 for the Selectmen to initiate a complete re-appraisal of land and buildings within the Town to equalize valuations.

Article 6. We recommend that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$200 to carry out this article.

Article 11. We recommend \$450.

Article 13. We recommend that this article be rejected.

Article 18. We recommend that no money be voted for this purpose. We recommend further that the Selectmen and Road Agent consider the preparatory work on this road in accordance with the long range program with TRA funds when available.

ARNOLD WIGHT, Chairman
MERIC G. ARNOLD
JOHN DUFF
PHILIP HOLMES
WALTER KNAPP
FRANK SMALTO

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Arrests	4
Held and released	1
Accidents with two vehicles involved	8
Accidents with one vehicle involved	2
Motor vehicle complaints	2
Warnings issued for motor vehicle violations	12
Lost articles	1
Stolen goods	4 cases
Returned property	3 cases
Missing persons	1 call
Disturbances	3 calls
Cattle running loose	2 calls
Lost animals	1 call
Dances at Lake	24
Dances at Town Hall	17
Also 5 other gatherings at Town Hall requiring police	
1 dance at Jack-o-Lantern	
Drownings (Baboosic Lake)	1
Accidental shootings	1
Assistance to out of town departments	5
Other assistance	9 cases
Dog calls	9
Dog bites	1
Dogs shot	4
Lost dogs returned	5
Dogs killed by motor vehicles	3
Fires	2
Emergency messages delivered	2
Complaints investigated	28
Traffic light reported out and repaired	4 times
Signs removed	3

Patrol duty, Memorial week-end and July 4th week-end	8 hours
Patrol duty, 4 officers, Amherst	
Open House Days	64 hrs.
Civilian Defense meetings attended	3
Hallowe'en duty, 3 men	17 hrs.
Registration plates found and turned in to Motor Vehicle Dept.	5
Auxiliary Police for Civilian Defense	8

This Department extends thanks for cooperation received from Sergeant Conti and Trooper McBain of the State Police and Inspector Landry of the Motor Vehicle Department, also the Milford Police Department.

ALBERT H. JUNKINS,
Police Chief.

SEXTON'S REPORT

Out of the \$1050 appropriation of 1950, \$214.88 was spent on the Old Cemetery, \$34.69 on the Cricket Corner Cemetery, \$29.55 on the Chestnut Hill Cemetery, \$6.88 on the Ponemah Cemetery, and the balance on Meadowview Cemetery, including painting the front fence from the near corner to the first gate, \$12.00 to Artron Monument Company to repair and set in place the stone post that was broken off a previous year by one of the snow plows, \$20.00 to Jake Young for removing a large dead hard pine, also \$10.00 to L. Paul Ecklund for a set of second hand grave greens to help out on our present ones which are nearly worn out.

Owing to the Open House days in July, the cemeteries received an extra mowing and cleaning up, and a few more shrubs were set out.

There were 14 burials made, of which seven were brought in from out of town, including one infant, and seven from town, including one infant.

Your Sexton would like to see the town vote for a special appropriation of money to buy paint to continue the painting of the fence and tool house.

CLARENCE H. HAGAR,
Sexton.

AMHERST TOWN HALL JANITOR'S REPORT

The Town Hall has been a very busy place during the year 1950. There were 141 scheduled meetings, dances, suppers, plays, basketball and many other activities. Added to this list are the many rehearsals for the Men's Club minstrel show and school plays. About four and a half months of the past year the school has used the hall for basketball practice at least four afternoons a week. Also added to the long list are the school lunches which ran for about six months five days a week except holidays and vacation periods.

The Selectmen have been in their office at least once a week. Also various committees have met there.

Many of the activities have included the use of the upper hall, the dining room and kitchen.

Probably the school has reaped the most benefit from the hall as they have used it the most with no expense to them or to the School District.

The American Legion, the Grange, the Men's Club and a few others who use the hall once in a while pay something for the use of it. Therefore they have the priority for their scheduled nights.

The expenses of operating the hall have increased considerably of late, but considering the activities which take place there, I am sure that you will find it to be the most economically operated public building in town.

DWIGHT P. BROWN,
Janitor.

REPORT OF THE AMHERST ROAD COMMISSION

To the Taxpayers and Citizens of Amherst, N. H.:

During the past year your highway department has expended \$7021.79 for Summer Maintenance. The several divisions of the work are as follows:

Gravelling	\$1058.95
Culverts	911.82
Brush Removal	2470.82
Grading	2580.10

	\$7021.79

Substantial gravelling of feeder roads was done in the following locations:

Austin Road
 Mack Hill
 North Street
 Charles Wright's Road
 Junkins' Road
 Chestnut Hill
 Cricket Corner Cemetery Road
 Cricket Corner from Nichols' to Peaslee's Mill
 Also numerous mud holes

The Culverts division shows an increased figure which includes the replacement of the wooden bridge between Uphams' and Faber's with a large tile culvert.

The Brush Removal division is self-explanatory and reflects a large amount of hand labor.

Under the Grading division is included the grader expense for gas and oil. The new grader equipped with a bulldozer blade took care of the dumps at a net cost of \$53.30 which is a considerable saving over past years.

The grader rental amounted to \$549., of which only \$364. was collected in time to be included in this

year's report, but the total amount has been collected and placed in a new Grader Fund.

New road construction in accordance with the long range program was accomplished as follows:

Cemetery to junction of Christian Hill Roads – Gravelled, 5 culverts installed oiled and sealer coat applied. Distance 1 mile.

Weston to Nichols Road – Corners straightened and partially gravelled. Distance 1 mile.

This work was done with T.R.A. funds and is not shown in your Highway Agent's Report.

Program for 1951

We believe that the oiling appropriation can be reduced this year to \$5000. since it will be unwise to oil the village streets, which normally would have been done in 1951, until the Water System has been completed.

We feel that \$7000. will be needed to properly maintain your road system; and that at least \$1000. of this sum should be used for graveling the feeder roads.

Of course it is also necessary to raise the town's contribution to the T.R.A. fund.

We recommend that further hard-surfaced construction be carried on under the long range program, and continue to be scheduled by your selectmen, highway agent, and state highway department. Also, that only as much work be done in any one year as the T.R.A. funds permit.

Considerable improvements were made to the town barn during the year. Windows and electricity were installed, a cement floor was poured in one half of the space, and a stove and chimney were added at a cost of \$156. This was financed by the sale of discarded material and machinery which was sold for \$176.80.

Your commission is studying the advisability of the

town owning a tractor for brush cutting and sand loading; and also a tar kettle.

We wish to express our appreciation for the co-operation rendered by Mr. Harold Aldrich.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND E. STIMSON,
RICHARD W. WESTON,
HAROLD H. WILKINS, Jr.

BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT

January 28 1951.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of Amherst, New Hampshire:

I herewith submit my annual report as Health Officer for the year ending January 1, 1951.

The work of the Health Officer during the year 1950 consisted in the main of making necessary reports to the State Board of Health and following instruction of the same.

Town water should obviate inspection of individual water supply to a large extent and insure the health and happiness of Amherst, New Hampshire.

Respectfully submitted,

OSCAR BURNS, M.D.,
Health Officer.

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL ZONING ORDINANCE

The following is the report of the Administrative Official, Zoning Ordinance, for the year ending December 31, 1950:

During the year, 19 permits were issued by the Administrative Official.

The experience of the previous Administrative Officials was repeated in that all requesting permits showed complete willingness to abide by the provisions of the Ordinance as well as approval of the aims and purposes of the Ordinance. In addition, several suggestions looking to changes in the Ordinance showed a continuous and growing interest in the effect of the Ordinance on the town.

To accomplish a portion of the suggestions, it is recommended that the Zoning Ordinance, adopted March 12, 1946 and amended March 11, 1947, be amended as follows:

Article 1, Section 1, paragraph 2: amend to include Route 13 in the Roadside District.

Article 1, Section 3: amend so as to eliminate paragraphs A and B and add as new paragraphs to this section, lettered A, B, and C, paragraphs C, D, and F of Article 1, Section 2.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM C. VOSE,
Administrative Official.

January 5, 1951.

AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL OFFICERS

	Term Expires
Mr. Otto Neugebauer, Chairman	1951
Mrs. Eleanore Wilkins	1952
Mr. Donald N. Swain	1953
Harold C. Bowley	Superintendent of Schools
Alan C. McKernan	Principal of Schools
Mrs. Catherine Kruger	Treasurer
Arthur Bonney	Moderator
Oscar Burns, M.D.	School Physician
Mrs. Florence Dyson, R.N.	School Nurse
Donald N. Swain	Truant Officer
Mrs. Catherine Kruger	Clerk

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1950-51

Begin	Close
September 6, 1950	December 22, 1950
January 2, 1951	February 16, 1951
February 26, 1951	April 20, 1951
April 30, 1951	Approximately June 15, 1951
(Holidays: Oct. 19, 20; Nov. 23, 24, 1950; May 30, 1951)	

SUGGESTED CALENDAR FOR 1951-52

Begin	Close
September 5, 1951	December 21, 1951
January 2, 1952	February 15, 1952
February 25, 1952	April 18, 1952
April 29, 1952	Approximately June 13, 1952
(Holidays: Oct. 18, 19; Nov. 22, 23, 1951; April 28; May 30, 1952)	

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING**The State of New Hampshire**

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the town
of Amherst, New Hampshire, qualified to vote
in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in
said district on the ninth day of March, 1951, at eight
o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following sub-
jects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the
ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the
School Board and Truant officer and fix the compensa-
tion of any other officers or agents of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Com-
mittees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating
thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in
relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise
and appropriate for the support of school, for the salar-
ies of district officials and agents, and for the payment
of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize
the application against said appropriations of such sums
as are estimated to be received from the State Equaliza-
tion Fund together with other income; the school board
to certify to the selectmen the balance between the es-
timated revenue and the appropriation, which balance

is to be raised by taxes by the town. (See Nos. 1-19 of Budget.)

9. To see how much money the district will raise and appropriate for insurance on school property. (See No. 20 of Budget.)

10. To see how much money the district will raise and appropriate for special repairs and alterations of school property and for new equipment. (See Nos. 22 and 23 of Budget)

11. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate as a deficiency the sum of \$1,266.99, necessary to grant the request of the regular teachers for salary adjustment for the present year (1950-51) in order to compensate for the increased cost of living since contracts were signed and to pay the additional Retirement allowances. (See last item of Budget)

12. To see if the district will consider the formation of a Cooperative School District with Brookline, Hollis and New Boston covering Grades 7-12 inclusive.

13. If the preceding article is not adopted, to see if the district will vote to build and equip a new elementary school consisting of not less than four regular classrooms with sanitary facilities, provide the necessary equipment and furnishings and take any other action relating thereto.

14. If the preceding article is adopted, to see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate not to exceed the sum of seventy-four thousand, two hundred dollars (\$74,200) for the construction, equipment and furnishings for such new elementary school; and whether the district will vote to authorize the issue of serial notes or bonds upon the credit of the district for all or any portion of the sum so raised and appropriated; and to authorize the school board to determine the terms and conditions upon which the notes or bonds

shall be issued including their sale, the time and place of payment of principal in accordance with the municipal bond statute, N. H. Revised Laws, Chapter 72 as amended by Laws of 1951. And to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand, seven hundred dollars (\$1,700) in excess of the budget to operate the new school.

15. If the district has adopted the article for a new elementary school, to see if the district will vote to appoint a building committee to consist of the school board and two persons to be appointed by the moderator to select the location of the new school and to supervise the construction of said building, provided that the plans, specifications and selection of the site for the new school shall be approved by the school board acting alone as required by law and the school board be further authorized to execute any and all contracts or agreements necessary in connection with the construction of said school.

16. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand, five hundred dollars (\$3,500) in excess of the budget as presented in order to transport and pay tuition either by contract or not to Milford High School for grades 9-12 inclusive.

17. To see if the district will vote to discontinue Amherst High School and petition the Superior Court for such authority as provided in Chapter 138 Section 34 of the Public Laws.

18. If Article 17 is not adopted, to see if the district will vote to provide temporary facilities for two classrooms, one to be the north basement room at Clark School and the other in the lower Town Hall, and request permission from the town for the use of the Town Hall for such purposes.

19. If the preceding article is adopted to raise and

appropriate a sum not exceeding four thousand, two hundred dollars (\$4,200) for the installation of partitions and lights, and the sum of \$1,000 in excess of budget for operating expenses.

20. To see if the district will authorize the school board to make application for and to receive, in the name of the district, such advances, grants in aid or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States government or any state or private agency.

21. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Amherst, this 13th day of February 1951.

OTTO K. NEUGEBAUER,
ELEANORE WILKINS,
DONALD N. SWAIN,
School Board.

BUDGET FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR — 1951-1952

	Working Budget 1950-51	Proposed Budget 1951-52
	\$	\$
Administration:		
1. Salaries of district officer	291.00	291.00*
2. Superintendent's salary (local share)	583.10	629.28*
3. Tax for state-wide supervision	496.00	538.00*
4. Salaries of other adm. personnel	383.70	389.64*
5. Supplies and adm. expenses	242.87	189.84*
	\$ 1,996.67	\$ 2,037.76
Instruction:		
6. Salaries of teachers and principals	28,809.00	31,525.00
7. Books and other instructional aids	850.00	900.00
8. Scholars' supplies	800.00	1,100.00
10. Other instructional expenses	425.00	600.00
	30,884.00	34,125.00
Operation of School Plant:		
11. Salaries of janitors	1,750.00	1,950.00
12. Fuel or heat	1,100.00	1,300.00
13. Water, light, supplies and expenses	450.00	850.00
	3,300.00	4,100.00
Maintenance of School Plant:		
14. Repairs and replacements	850.00	850.00
Auxiliary Activities:		
15. Health supervision	225.00	557.00
16. Transportation	4,500.00	5,500.00
17. Tuition		750.00
18. Special activities and funds	300.00	400.00
	5,025.00	7,207.00
Fixed Charges:		
19. Retirement	1,776.78	1,905.38*
	1,776.78	1,905.38
Total Current Expenses (Art. VIII of Warrant)	\$43,832.45	\$50,225.14
20. Insurance, tr. bond, and exp. (Article IX of Warrant)	486.00	630.37**
	486.00	630.37

Capital Outlay:

22. Additions and improvements to bldgs. (Article X of Warrant)	5,000.00	3,105.00**
23. New equipment (Article X of Warrant)	713.50	1,725.00**
		4,830.00
Debt, Interest and Other Charges:		
24. Contingency	1,500.00	1,500.00
25. Principal of debt	1,500.00	2,750.00
Total	\$51,531.95	\$58,435.51

ESTIMATED INCOME OF DISTRICT.

Balance	134.66	
State Aid	1,283.23	
Trust Funds	350.00	1,200.00
Contingency	1,500.00	350.00
High School Tuition	875.00	1,500.00
Elementary Tuition	200.00	
Assessment March 1950	\$ 4,342.94	3,050.00
	47,937.97	
Total Available	\$52,280.91	
**Deficiency Appropriation 1950-51 (Article XI of Warrant)	1,266.99	Assessment Needed March 1951 \$55,385.51

* Statutory Requirements

**Special Articles in Warrant

February 9, 1951.

Note: Numbers at the left agree with forms approved by the State Tax Commission.
Omissions indicate that we do not use that column.

OTTO K. NEUGEBAUER,
ELEANORE WILKINS,
DONALD SWAIN,

School Board of Amherst.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

The school board is appreciative of the support our schools have received from many sources, but feel that the problem is one for the entire school district to face. As we have mentioned before, the schools are only as good as the town wants them to be. Your board has presented the problems to the district with reasonable solutions for three years and as yet no progressive action has been taken. As we will show later the longer we vacillate and put off a decision the more costly this problem will become.

Since consolidation was your first consideration in the ballot taken two years ago, we will start with that solution. The four town consolidation of Amherst, Brookline, Hollis and New Boston is, in the considered estimation of your school board, the best solution to give your children the greatest educational values and advantages. The report submitted to you in December pointed out the comparative costs, advantages and disadvantages of this plan. Naturally the figures will have to be adjusted to meet more recent costs, we will have those figures available at the district meeting, but are certain that they will be relatively increased as are our local solutions which we will discuss next. From reliable sources it is indicated that building costs will be 12% to 15% greater than they were for all solutions in our report. All indications are that these costs will not appreciably decline for years to come. Securing building materials for school construction should offer no severe handicap at the present time.

Your second most popular choice was building in town. Our solution of a four room building would fulfill the schools' requirements for some time to come, unless there is an unforeseen overwhelming increase in school population. We have eliminated from the warrant the four room building with auditorium-gymnasium. This is certainly desirable, but apparently

inadvisable at the present time. To point up what delaying action on a solution to our school problem means, the following figures would be indicative. One year ago this four room building was estimated at \$46,000, our recent report estimated the building last fall at \$63,000, and this summer the projected estimate is \$70,000. If this solution is chosen, the school board recommends that the building committee be advised to consider use of a local contractor and day labor, on the basis that an approximate 20% to 25% savings could be effected.

Article 16 in the warrant relative to sending the high school grades to Milford, should be carefully studied. There are many advantages and many disadvantages not only to Amherst but also to Milford. The primary advantage is that the children will get a broader education in subjects which will be more beneficial to them later in life. The per pupil cost at the present time will be less than in our local high school, but the indications are that this relationship will be reversed in a few years. On the other hand, the total cost of maintaining the brick school must then be charged against the elementary grades, thereby increasing this per pupil cost. The major disadvantages are: (1) We have no assurance beyond three years that the Milford system will be able to absorb our pupils. As a result this may prove to be only a temporary solution; (2) If this plan is adopted the Amherst High School will have to be closed. This may leave us in a very vulnerable position in the event that Milford cannot take us several years from now. We will have to make a quick and perhaps expensive decision to solve that problem. If favorable action is taken on this article the \$2,700 for toilets in the Clark School will not be needed, but this sum must be applied towards partitioning the upper brick school to receive the elementary grades.

The high school grades will benefit from the larger extra-curricular activities in Milford, but the junior high school in town will be deprived entirely of the broadening influence of associating with the high school. This plan is actually another of the temporary expedencies being offered.

Article number 18 in the warrant is purely a temporary consideration and should be accepted as such. Our thoughts have been to eliminate the present basement room, which has always been considered temporary. This plan only adds one more basement room to the school. Also is it merely a stumbling block in the effort toward increasing our high school curriculum. We feel that the seven thousand dollars that this plan represents could far better be invested in a permanent solution.

The number of pupils now attending the Clark School, and the possible advent of another class there, have pointed up the need for expanded toilet facilities in this building, and a sum of \$2,700 is included in our proposed budget.

We are also recommending in the budget a sum of \$1,500 to complete the furnishing of the last two grades of the elementary school with new furniture. This is being planned to fit more suitably the sizes of the children, and also permit us the flexibility of adjusting the classroom space to any solution you may arrive at in the district meeting, and is also looking ahead toward next year when similar action will have to be taken in the upper grades.

We are including in our budget a request for a normal increase of \$100 and a cost of living increase of \$100 for teachers' salaries for next year, and at the request of the teachers, Article 11, for an adjustment in this year's salaries.

We urge you to consider carefully whatever deci-

sions you make. Your child's future depends largely upon the education he receives today.

OTTO K. NEUGEBAUER
DONALD N. SWAIN
ELEANORE A. WILKINS

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Instruction

Since the teacher is the most important factor in the class room and nearly three-quarters of the budget is earmarked for Instruction, we must pause to discuss a few items under this head.

First, the flow of teachers in and out of this system is a handicap. Try as I may I cannot seem to overcome it. Since the close of the last school year, three teachers have left their positions here. One left to return to school, the others for another teaching position.

<i>Former Teacher</i>	<i>Replacement</i>
Rexford Avery	Alan McKernan
Francis Carroll	John McGrath
Una Dearborn	Rachel Shirley

Second, I wish to mention briefly only a few of the instructional fields to acquaint you with our aims or some of the changes being made. Reading is still our most important subject. Without the ability to read and interpret the printed page, the child's training is very incomplete. Neither teacher nor parent is satisfied with less. Therefore, we still lay great emphasis on this ability. The basic reading series used is the Scott, Foresman and is one of the best now available. Its use of phonics in the teaching of word recognition is according to the best practices of good teachers. Handwriting has suffered from the lack of emphasis. For the past three years we have been starting a new system called Basic Handwriting which is manuscript in Grades 1 and 2 with the transfer to Cursive in Grade 3. The results so far in the grades effected have been gratifying. Letter formations are much better with the resulting improvement in legibility. Audio-Visual aids of all kinds have received greater attention of late, particularly in film strips. All departments of the school are making use of these valuable teaching devices.

Health

We are rather proud of the completeness of our Health Program. To comment at length would be boring. However, let me call your attention to some of the features. Every child is given a health examination by the doctor and nurse. Possibly a more complete examination four to six times during his course would be preferable. Sight testing goes on in all grades, with Snellen charts and Telebinocular, hearing tests with audiometers in Grades 3, 5, 7, 9 and 12. Weighing and measuring and skin examinations are going on throughout the year. All this with home visits and the corrections secured makes for better attendance. Dental and other clinics are either carried on or sponsored by local organizations.

Another concern has been artificial lighting. The district has already installed fluorescent at the high school.

Noon lunches are recognized as a part of the Health Program. They get a very nutrititious and tasty lunch for a small fee.

Finance

Transportation

This occupies a substantial place in the budget. There are some 125 children to be carried. They are both high and elementary pupils. We feel that today it is essential to educate the high school people as it used to be to graduate the eighth grader. Hence, pupils of all grades are transported. This item requires some \$36 per pupil.

Costs, 1949-50

The average per pupil costs of Current Expenses may be of interest to you. Expenditures for transportation and tuition were excluded in making these computations for this Union. Capital Outlay is not includ-

ed in Current Expenses.

	Grades 1-8	Grades 9-12
Amherst	\$120.66	\$326.52
Brookline, (1-6 only)	83.32	Grades 7-8 in Nashua \$118.24 Grades 9-12 in Nashua 193.76
Hollis	109.52	235.96
Milford	120.53	250.47
Mont Vernon, (1-6 only)	192.82	Grades 7-8 in Milford 80.00 Grades 9-12 in Milford 150.00
State Average	152.60	252.04

Since overhead is spread over a small or a large enrollment, the figures vary from town to town and the larger the town the more nearly it approaches the State Average. Tuition rates in Amherst and Milford for 1951-52 have been established at \$120 each for Grades 1-8 and \$250 and \$225 respectively for Grades 9-12. The present rate at Nashua for grades 7-8 is \$140.39, for grades 9-12, \$233.70; at Milford for 7-8, \$120 and 9-12, \$200.

State Aid

Whether we are to get more state aid or not is now under discussion in the General Court. Since the real estate tax is not adequate to finance the school and other local departments, we must seek the broader base of state support. State aid must be provided to equalize the costs of education wherever the children are found. The inequality of dollar support from town to town borders upon discrimination and the state, whose responsibility education is, must attempt an adjustment.

Needs**Art**

This is one of the many learning experiences of the child. It is more than the mastery of a skill or a subject. However, we believe that a good art teacher can help shape this learning experience to more desirable results. That is why we advocate art instruction and the Board is including some money in the budget to give it a start.

Space

Reports of studies made over the last few years indicate the need of space. I hope that study can be translated into action and some solution of the problem be developed.

Interior Decorating

It seems that I am constantly urging this. But the desire is to make schools attractive and pleasant to children as one method of influencing learning and to improve their future standards of living.

My Job

Everyone knows the functions of the sheriff, the judge, the selectmen. But who knows about the superintendent of schools! His duties are as varied as the opinions of people may be. Everything that pertains to children is his business and then some. The state board has listed a few of his duties, school boards add to the list. I am not complaining but I sometimes wonder if people realize the magnitude of this job. I have often been told how easy they think it is. Just to touch upon the larger phases of the work: I have credit for 637 teacher visits during the 180 days of school last year, for 70 school board meetings (practically all at night) attended in 12 months. In addition, I have attended various Conferences and meetings — all to keep abreast of the changes in school administration and supervision. I can never forget the hours involved nor the distances covered in order to locate teacher replacements. Then I must spend sufficient time in the office to keep that important task operating efficiently. To summarize, I emphasize the teacher visits, the board meetings, replacements, office, and other meetings. My secretaries who have worked in other offices marvel at the number of items which pass through this office in the course of a day, a week or a year.

I do appreciate the members of this Supervisory Union. They have made great strides in pulling the loose ends together. We now act on major problems as a whole and that is a help to me.

Appreciations

The work you have done in the past year makes a vast improvement. The toilet system in the Brick School is a decided change for the better. The new fire escape indicates your wish for safety at school. The Clark School looks better with its new coat of paint.

I am grateful to the Board, the teaching staff, and your citizens for the interest and consideration you have shown in the progress of the schools.

Very respectfully,

HAROLD C. BOWLEY,
Superintendent of Schools.

February 9, 1951.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

To the Superintendent of Schools, members of the School Board, and citizens of Amherst:

Herewith is presented the annual report of the Amherst High and Junior High Schools.

The total registration in these six grades is 83.

The same three courses of study are offered again this year. These are the commercial, general, and academic courses. Subjects offered are:

Languages: English, French I, Latin II;

Social Studies: U. S. History, Civics, Sociology;

Mathematics: General Mathematics, Algebra II;

Commercial: Typing I and II, Shorthand, Economic Geography, Bookkeeping, and Office Practice;

Science: Biology.

This program of studies compares favorably with other schools of this size except for the lack of Physics and Chemistry. These subjects cannot be given due to the lack of a laboratory in the high school. It has been tentatively planned to have those interested take Chemistry next school year at Milford High School. There is also a need for vocational courses (Home Economics and Shopwork) for the majority of the Amherst pupils who do not plan to take the commercial or college preparatory courses. Serious consideration should be given to including these courses in any future programs for Amherst High School.

Offering these courses to the pupils would mean that official recognition of the seventh and eighth grades as Junior High grades would be extended by the State Department of Education. At present the seventh grade curriculum is English, U. S. History, Mathematics, and Geography. The eighth grade curriculum is English, U. S. History, Mathematics, and General Science.

An attempt has been made this year to supplement

the regular curriculum through a greater use of the daily activity period. With the excellent cooperation of the faculty a more complete program is now offered. The lack of space and personnel has hampered but the determination of the teachers and pupils is overcoming these handicaps. Some activities are: School Paper, Glee Club, Model Airplane Club, Drivers' Education, Ballroom Dancing, Help-Study, and Home Crafts (girls). The latter is very popular with many girls busy sewing, knitting, and embroidering in their spare time. It is hoped that cooking classes can be given later with the aid of several parents. This interest points out dramatically the need for a Home Economics course.

The Physical Education program is still far from adequate but greater use has been made of the Town Hall during the winter months. In the fall and spring group and team sports are offered outdoors twice a week.

Team sports this year are under the direction of Mr. John McGrath, the English teacher, who is currently coaching boys' and girls' basketball. Last fall a touch football team was organized and three games played with Hollis High School. This spring boys' baseball and girls' softball will be the team sports.

Choral Music is offered again this year under Miss Ethelyn Edwards who meets weekly with the Junior High and Senior High groups about forty minutes each. From this comes the choral singing for Baccalaureate and graduation in June.

The assembly program has been improved. Several interesting and worthwhile talks have been presented by people from varied ways of life. A list of the resources of Amherst compiled by the Parent-Teacher Association has proven a valuable source for supplementing both classwork and assembly programs. It is believed that these assemblies will materially assist the guidance program in which all teachers and pupils participate.

The Triple Entente Association is again active this year sponsoring pupil activities. Early in September an informal get-together was held in the form of a hot-dog roast. Later in the month the annual baked bean supper was held. The ever-popular roller skating party took place at the Jack-O-Lantern rink in October. Then in November the pupils put on an ambitious three-act play and the Sophomore Hop which for the first time in many years was a financial success. Another roller skating party was held in January during a week when there was a lull in the basketball schedule. Contemplated activities for the rest of the school year are in February, Basketball Dance; March, Variety Show; April, Food Sale; May, Junior Prom; and in June, Graduation.

Your attention is called to the expected increase in the Amherst High School next school year. This June only five seniors will graduate. About 23 pupils will be in the new seventh grade. From a present number of 83 the enrollment will probably jump to about 100. The present overcrowding in most of the Junior High School rooms will not be alleviated. Furthermore, there will be a taxing of the seating capacities of all rooms with even more classes being taught with studiers in the same room. Several solutions for this situation are being offered by the School Board for your consideration this March.

This past year several improvements were made to the high school building. A fire escape was erected to the second floor on the west side, adding a much needed safety exit. Badly needed new toilet facilities for both the boys and girls were installed, along with a new teachers' room. Three sets of badly-worn stairs were replaced. Both the office and one classroom were painted a restful green by the pupils with the School Board providing a helping hand. During the summer most of the floors and desks were sanded and painted.

A filmstrip projector plus a varied number of films is now available to supplement instruction.

Amherst was fortunate in having the majority of the teachers return, with Mr. McGrath replacing Mr. Carroll who moved to Kingston, New York. A severe throat ailment prevented Miss Bertha Piper from teaching during November and December. She is back with us. Miss Roby and Mrs. Marion Young complete the faculty. Three out of the five teachers have a Master's Degree.

Special attention should be directed to the Hot Lunch Program sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Association. Over 125 pupils are daily served a nutritious hot lunch for only a nominal charge of \$1.00 weekly. In numerous ways the PTA has helped make this a worthwhile year for many pupils.

Last spring standard content tests covering the basic subjects, English, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies were given to all the high school pupils. The results showed that the Amherst High School pupils were above the nation's average in intelligence and possession of subject knowledge.

I wish to thank the members of the School Board, the Superintendent of Schools, the faculty, and the citizens of Amherst for their continued cooperation in our attempts to educate Amherst children.

Respectfully submitted,

ALAN C. McKERNAN,

Principal.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE FOR STUDY OF ADDITIONAL SCHOOLROOMS

This committee was appointed to "investigate the possibility of acquiring a building suitable for classrooms with reasonable modifications and to place in the warrant for the next School District Meeting an article to raise and appropriate the necessary funds for this."

Need for Additional Space

The report made at the School District Meeting of December 16, 1950 stated that the increase in school population during the next five years by actual count is 85 pupils. It should be borne in mind that this increase will be distributed over 12 grades and that the burden is not restricted to any few grades.

To determine if there has been a general trend toward drop in numbers of pupils in each class as it progressed through school, graphs were made covering individual classes over the last thirty years. These varied so radically, especially in the lower grades, that no general conclusion could be drawn from them, except that in the high school there was pretty consistently a drop. The average (unweighted) showed this drop to be roughly 10% per year of the school-entering-number of each class. For the elementary grades, individual curves showed both increases and decreases from the school-entering-number. It was decided therefore to use actual count (present school attendance and census of under-school-age children) in arriving at the needs of elementary grades.

GRADE I TO VI

CLARK SCHOOL has the following attendance and square feet per pupil:

North Room	900 sq. ft.	39 pupils	23.1 sq. ft. each
South Room	900 sq. ft.	38 pupils	23.7 sq. ft. each
Basement Room	690 sq. ft.	23 pupils	30.0 sq. ft. each
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	2490 sq. ft.	100 pupils	24.9 sq. ft. each

GROUND FLOOR OF HIGH SCHOOL

West Room	684 sq. ft.	25 pupils	27.4 sq. ft. each
North Room	660 sq. ft.	32 pupils	20.6 sq. ft. each
East Room	540 sq. ft.	23 pupils	23.5 sq. ft. each
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	1884 sq. ft.	80 pupils	23.5 sq. ft. each
Total	4374 sq. ft.	180 pupils	24.3 sq. ft. each

The expected attendances of these grades over the next five years:

	1950-1	1951-2	1952-3	1953-4	1954-5	1955-6
I	39	33	35	36	28	32
II	38	39	33	35	36	28
III	23	38	39	33	35	36
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	100	110	107	104	99	96
IV	25	23	38	39	33	35
V	32	25	23	38	39	33
VI	23	32	25	23	38	39
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	80	80	86	100	110	107

The totals shown for the Clark School indicate after next year a decrease.

In 1952, the class of 38 pupils entering Grade IV would tax the capacity of the largest room on the ground floor of the High School building, allowing an area per pupil of only 18 sq. ft. In 1953, the total enrollment for Grades IV to VI would be increased by 14 pupils, with a further increase a year later of 10 pupils. To accommodate this total would be impractical in the present rooms and we recommend:

Move Grade IV to the vacant room in the Clark School, capacity 40 desks, finishing it off with asphalt tile floor, sheetrock and acoustic tile ceiling, fluorescent lights, coat shelves, sheathing studding above masonry, installing ceiling radiators, building a fire escape similar to that on the south side of the building and painting.

We recommend also that asphalt tile flooring, additional lighting, coat shelves and painting be appropriated for the South Basement Room. Provision for additional toilet facilities in the Clark School is being made.

GRADES VII TO XII

There are at present available:

Main Room	1596 sq. ft.	60 desks	26.6 sq. ft. per desk
N W Room	361 sq. ft.	23 desks	15.7 sq. ft. per desk
N E Room	361 sq. ft.	23 desks	15.7 sq. ft. per desk
Office			
Annex			

The expected attendances for these grades during the next five years, allowing a drop throughout the high school years of 10% of the school-entering-number per year are:

	1950-1	1951-2	1952-3	1953-4	1954-5	1955-6
VII	23	23	32	25	23	38
VIII	20	23	23	32	25	23
IX	11	19	22	21	29	23
X	15	9	17	21	19	26
XI	9	13	8	16	19	17
XII	5	7	12	6	14	18
	83	94	114	121	129	145

In so far as the actual seating capacity is concerned, there is sufficient floor area for some years, but for classroom work more rooms are required. Our above recommendation provides one room and the School Board states that one additional room is required to adequately care for the program schedule. That additional room they propose to acquire by partitioning off a part of the dining room in the Town Hall building. We are in accord with this proposal.

Recommended Article for Warrant

It is recommended that an article be included in the warrant to raise and appropriate \$7000.00 to cover the cost of finishing-off the two basement rooms of the Clark School, providing added toilet facilities there and partitioning-off a room in the dining hall of the Town Hall building.

Other Possibilities

This committee considered the possibilities of buying and converting residences and the brick building across from the Post Office and decided that none of

these were worthy of being recommended. The possibility of renting the upper floor of the Village Store was considered, but it was not available.

The using of the main hall of the Town Hall building for one or two classrooms was looked upon favorably at first, but the difficulty of removing the desks was considered to be too great, especially during the basketball season.

The possibility of renting the Legion Hall seemed suitable, but as the space there would permit of only 25 to 30 desks, whereas the room in the Clark School would accommodate 40 desks, we recommended the latter.

We have consulted with Mr. French of New Boston regarding the construction of the single classroom Cape Cod type of building, but feel that it is not to be recommended for Amherst's present problem.

There is in the attic of the High School a clear space 18 feet wide between verticle tie-rods, with additional space outside of these rods, by 9 feet high by 78 feet long. This might be utilized for possible added curriculum or for laboratories where no fire hazard, vibrations nor heavy loads are entailed. For the latter, basement rooms in that building could be used.

We investigated the possibility of constructing a two room addition on the east side of the present Clark School of exactly the same floor area as the present above-ground floor, the corridor to be extended across the building and an exit door to be placed at the east end of the corridor; no basement rooms to be made under this addition, but the foundations to be carried down sufficiently to permit of such basement rooms being added later or of the addition being converted into a gymnasium, should such a possibility arise later; present toilet facilities to be trebled and a teachers' room to be put in a corner of one of the new rooms. The estimated cost of such an addition is \$27,000 to \$30,000.

but we believe that the recommendation submitted will take care of the present needs.

In conclusion, we wish to emphasize that the so-called basement rooms of the Clark School are in the opinion of the majority of this committee satisfactory for use as schoolrooms:—the floors are dry and not cold, the air is dry and fresh, the rooms are nearly half above ground level (5' below, 4'9" above). Voters are urged to inspect the vacant room.

February 15, 1951.

HENRY F. MERRILL,
F. TENNEY CLOUGH,
CARL S. MERRILL,
DONALD M. STOCKWELL,
OLIVER F. MERRILL,
Committee.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF AMHERST SCHOOL BOARD

(For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1949 to June 30, 1950)

Total Receipts	\$45,567 85
Total Payments	45,433 19

Cash balance June 30, 1950	\$ 134 66
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RECEIPTS IN DETAIL

Federal Aid:

National School Lunch	\$ 614 14
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State Aid:

Equalization Fund	1,565 07
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From Selectmen Raised by Taxation:

Appropriation	41,432 95
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From Sources Other Than Taxation:

Dog licenses	\$506 99
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Elementary school tuitions	367 20
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Secondary school tuitions	370 65
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Income from local trust funds	398 07
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Other receipts	33 90
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----- 1,676 81

Total receipts from all sources	\$45,288 97
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Cash on hand July 1, 1949	278 88
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GRAND TOTAL \$45,567 85

AUDITOR' CERTIFICATE

(Required by the State Board of Education from all
State Aided Districts)

This is to certify that we have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Amherst of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ORSON H. BRAGDON,
GEORGE H. HOWARD,
Auditors.

REPORT OF TREASURER
(For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1949 to June 30, 1950)

CATHERINE KRUGER, Treasurer,
 In account with the School District of Amherst
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Balance as per last report	\$ 278 88
Board of Selectmen:	
Appropriation as of March 1949	41,432 95
Dog tax	506 99
Income from trust funds	398 07
From Federal Aid:	
National School Lunch	614 14
From State:	
Equalization Fund	1,565 07
From Other Sources:	
Elementary School Tuition	367 20
Secondary School Tuition	370 65
Other Receipts	33 90
	<hr/> \$45,567 85

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Payments on order of School Board	\$45,433 19
Cash on hand June 30, 1950	134 66
	<hr/> \$45,567 85

AUDITOR' CERTIFICATE
 (Required by the State Board of Education from all
 State Aided Districts)

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Amherst, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950, and find them correct in all respects.

ORSON H. BRAGDON,
 GEORGE H. HOWARD,
 Auditors.

RETURN OF DISTRICT REVENUE, 1950**EXPENDITURES**

Current Expenditures	\$44,810 25
Capital Outlay	
Additions & Improvements	3,100 00
Special Appropriations	
Insurance and Treas. Bond	486 00
Total Appropriation	----- \$48,396 25

RECEIPTS

State Aid, December 1950	\$1,283 28
Tuition (Est.)	375 00
Trust Funds (Est.)	300 00
Other Estimated Receipts	1,000 00
Total Estimated Receipts	----- 2,958 28
Assessment Required to Meet School	-----
District Appropriation	\$45,437 97

I certify that the above is a correct statement of the obligations authorized, and the amounts to be assessed to meet statutory requirements and appropriations made at the annual meeting of the Amherst school district held March 10th, 1950.

CATHERINE A. KRUGER,
Clerk of the School District.

March 31, 1950.

PAYMENTS IN DETAIL
July 1, 1949 to June 30, 1950

ADMINISTRATION

1. Salaries of District Officers:

Otto Neugebauer, school board	\$75 00	
Eleanore Wilkins, school board	75 00	
Donald N. Swain, school board	75 00	
Catherine Kruger, treasurer	50 00	
Catherine Kruger, clerk	6 00	
Arthur P. Bonney, Jr., moderator	6 00	
Orson H. Bragdon, auditor	2 00	
George H. Howard, auditor	2 00	
	-----	\$291 00

2. Superintendent's Salary (local share):

Raymond Regan, Treas., Sup. Union No. 40	640 00
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3. Tax for State-Wide Supervision:

State Treasurer, \$2 per capita tax	496 00
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4. Salaries of Other Administrative Personnel:

Eleanore Wilkins, census enum.	\$50 00	
Donald N. Swain, truant officer	25 00	
Raymond Regan, Treas., Sup.		
Union No. 40	160 00	
Owen P. Fisk, Treas., Sup.		
Union No. 40	160 00	
	-----	395 00

5. Supplies and Expenses:

Telephone, office supplies, conference expenses, printing, advertising	339 34
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INSTRUCTION

6. Principals' and Teachers' Salaries:

Rexford Avery	\$1902 22
Charlotte Boutelle	2100 00
Francis Carroll	2784 00
Violet Consigli	7 00

Una Dearborn	2300 00	
Ruth Delaney	16 00	
Ethelyn Edwards	200 00	
Marion Fisher	63 00	
Sarah Greenhalgh	2200 00	
Edmund Hart	48 00	
Grace Lull	2400 00	
Virginia Marshall	28 00	
Mary McGee	2400 00	
Alan C. McKernan	1298 00	
Edith Osborne	2200 00	
Bertha Piper	2700 00	
Miriam Roby	2700 00	
Pauline Stimson	72 00	
Elsie Wheeler	325 00	
Marion Young	2376 00	
	-----	*28,119.22

*This amount includes deduction for Blue Cross and Blue Shield, \$286.20; Tax, \$2325.45; Retirement, \$929.04; Insurance, \$69.84)

7. Textbooks:

High School	\$128 20	
Elementary	727 96	
	-----	856 16

8. Scholars' Supplies:

(Consumed as used)

High School	\$180 25	
Elementary	416 94	
	-----	597 19

10. Other Expenses of Instruction:

Catherine Hammond, lipreading	\$160 00	
Other expenses:		
High School	62 23	
Elementary	68 28	
	-----	290 51

OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT

11. Salaries of Janitors:

William S. Wells	\$1,564 48
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*This amount includes \$27.50
deducted for Tax

12. Fuel:

High School	\$637 96	
Elementary	328 03	
	-----	965 99

13. Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses:

High School	\$212 83	
Eementary	255 90	
	-----	468 73

14. Repairs and Replacements:

High School	\$283 03	
Elementary	379 30	
	-----	662 33

AUXILIARY AGENCIES AND
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

15. Health Supervision:

High School	\$103 63	
Elementary	112 42	
	-----	216 05

16. Transportation:

Malcolm D. Clark	4,500 00
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18. Other Special Activities:

School Lunches	\$614 14	
Other special activities	274 90	
	-----	889 04

FIXED CHARGES

19. Retirement	1,199 09
20. Insurance	580 96

CAPITAL OUTLAY

22. Improvements to buildings	1,348 82
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23. New Equipment:

Kenney Bros., Inc.	\$552 00
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Other new equipment	91 80
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24. Special Cooperative School Study	369 48
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	\$45,433 19

TOTAL PAYMENTS	
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**AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT
PRESENT INSURANCE COVERAGE**

Insurable Evaluation of Buildings—1948	\$68,124.00
Clark School Building	\$14,000 00
High School Buildings	23,500 00
School Annex	2,500 00
Contents of all buildings	5,000 00
	----- \$45,000 00
General Liability Policy	\$10,000-\$50,000 00
Employees' Liability Policy	\$10,000-\$50,000 00
Power Plant and Hot Water Liability	\$20,000 00
Burglary Insurance, Typewriters	\$1,000 00

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

OTTO NEUGEBAUER,
ELEANORE WILKINS,
DONALD SWAIN,

School Board.

Harold C. Bowley, Superintendent
July 15, 1950

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

(Required by the State Board of Education from
all State Aided Districts)

This is to certify that we have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Amherst of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ORSON H. BRAGDON,
GEORGE H. HOWARD,

Auditors.

STATISTICS FOR 1949-50

Average number of half-days in session	350
Whole number of different pupils registered:	
Girls 125; Boys 127; Total	252
Enrollment by grades:	
I-44; II-23; III-22; IV-33; V-24; VI-22;	
VII-23; VIII-17; IX-19; X-13; XI-4;	
XII-8; Total	252
Average daily membership in high school for year	40.0
Average daily membership in elementary	
schools for year	193.5
Per cent of attendance in all schools for year	92.5
Number not absent nor tardy during school year	15
Number of visits made to schools by:	
School Board Members	28
Superintendent of Schools	151
Citizens	341
Number of School Board Meetings held	15

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

High School: Lillian Jutras, Thelma Lamb.
 Junior High: Ernest Adams, Phoebe Batchelder,
 Sandra Piper.
 Grade VI: Avis Boutelle, Edward Mack.
 Grade IV: William Batchelder, Gertrude Lenane,
 Gerald Liljeberg, Linda Merrill, Doris Umenhofer.
 Grade III: Vivian Jutras.
 Grade II: John Liljeberg, Beryl Murray.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES — JUNE 1950

Clara Louise Davis	Eugene Allen Harding
Joan Alma Ferretti	Robert Henry Kruger
Charlotte Antoinette Fowle	George Stevens Masten
Hercules George Georgelis	Doreen Elizabeth Teed

ENROLLMENT TABLE AS OF JANUARY 15, 1951

Grades 1-6							
Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Grade I	39						39
Grade II		38					38
Grade III			24				24
Grade IV				24			24
Grade V					32		32
Grade VI						23	23
Grand Total	39	38	24	24	32	23	180
Boys	17	25	16	7	16	12	93
Girls	22	13	8	17	16	11	87

Grades 7-12							
Grades	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Grade VII	23						23
Grade VIII		20					20
Grade IX			11				11
Grade X				16			16
Grade XI					9		9
Grade XII						5	5
Grand Total	23	20	11	16	9	5	84
Boys	10	7	8	5	3	2	35
Girls	13	13	3	11	6	3	49

TEACHER AND SUBJECT OR GRADE TAUGHT (1950-51)

	Experience Here	Total Experience
Boutelle, Charlotte A. — Grade 4	25	27
Edwards, Ethelyn — Music, High School	3	27
Greenhalgh, Sarah — Grade 2	2	5
Lull, Grace — Grade 6	3	21
McGee, Mary — Grade 3	6	11
McGrath, John — Eng., French, Coach	1	1
McKernan, Alan — Headmaster,		
Social Studies	1½	4
Osborne, Edith — Grade 5	3	5
Piper, Bertha L. — Social Studies, Latin	35	43
Roby, Miriam — Math. and Science	6	13
Shirley, Rachel — Grade 1	1½	3½
Wheeler, Elsie — Music	17	19
Young, Marion M. — Commercial	2	6

RETURN OF SCHOOL CENSUS September 1950

Mrs. Eleanore Wikins, Enumerator

Age as of Sept. 1, 1950	Total Number	Boys	Girls	Attending Public Schools	Attending Private Schools
Less than 1 year	32	16	16		
1	28	16	12		
2	36	21	15		
3	35	19	16		
4	33	19	14		
5	33	17	16	12	
6	38	18	20	36	
7	32	21	11	32	
8	25	12	13	25	
9	21	8	13	21	
10	33	14	19	33	
11	22	12	10	22	
12	23	11	12	23	
13	20	10	10	19	1
14	15	8	7	13	2
15	16	8	8	15	1
	<hr/> 442	<hr/> 230	<hr/> 212	<hr/> 251	<hr/> 4

REPORT OF HEALTH SUPERVISION — 1949-50

Oscar Burns, M.D., Examiner

Florence Dyson, School Nurse

The total number of children examined: 246

The following defects, treatments, and corrections were reported:

	Defects	Pupils Receiving Treatment
Defective Vision	29	
Defective Hearing	6	2
Defective Teeth	71	17
Diseased Tonsils	40	11
Enlarged Glands	1	
Cardiac	6	
Other Deformities	24	7

Parents were informed of all the above cases.

Diseases reported:

Whooping Cough	1
Pediculosis	17
Impetigo	1
Scarlet Fever	4
Pneumonia	3

Marriages Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H. For the Year Ending December 31, 1950

DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE	NAME AND SURNAME OF GROOM AND BRIDE	AGE GROOM	AGE BRIDE	RESIDENCE OF EACH AT TIME OF MARRIAGE	NAME, OFFICIAL STA- TION AND RESIDENCE OF PERSON BY WHOM MARRIED
Jan. 17, Amherst	Lawrence W. Howarth	26	18	Lowell, Mass.	Catherine A. Kruger
Mar. 3, Amherst	Patricia Ann Dunn	18	24	Lowell, Mass.	Justice of Peace, Amherst
Mar. 16, Amherst	Richard Emerson Fyles	22	22	Waltham, Mass.	Catherine A. Kruger
Mar. 16, Amherst	Thomas Christina Kelly	28	28	Waltham, Mass.	Justice of Peace, Amherst
Apr. 9, Milford	Frank Black Quinty, Jr.	21	21	West Canaan, N. H.	Maurice E. Barnett
Apr. 22, Milford	James M. Smith	21	21	Amherst	Kendall B. Burgess
Apr. 22, Milford	Joseph Jacob Runk	10	10	Amherst	Francis Hogan
May 6 Milford	Clarence Lee Ross	25	25	Pepperell, Mass.	Priest, Milford
May 14, Amherst	Leonard Arnold Williams	28	28	Amherst	J. T. Callihane
May 27, Lawton, Okla	Shirley Mildred Mullen	29	29	Manchester, N. H.	Priest, Newark, N. J.
June 10, Amherst	Bernard M. Harkshorn	61	61	Amherst	William F. Rogers
June 24, Amherst	Jessie T. Converse	43	37	Amherst	Clergyman, Amherst
July 1, Milford	Blanche E. Stevens	25	19	Fort Sill, Okla.	Whitley Garrett
July 1, Milford	Charles W. McCallough	25	19	Amherst	Clergyman, Lawton, Okla.
Aug. 12, Amherst	Edward C. Gabel	32	18	Bristol, R. I.	Catherine A. Kruger
Aug. 13, Milford	Margaret Ann Dunbar	18	22	Templeton, Mass.	Justice of Peace, Amherst
Aug. 13, Milford	Kenneth Louis Drury	22	22	Pepperell, Mass.	Catherine A. Kruger
Aug. 13, Milford	Gerrard Andrew Gagnon	17	17	Manchester, N. H.	Justice of Peace, Amherst
Aug. 13, Milford	Gloria Betty Dixon	29	29	Amherst	Thomas Savage
Aug. 13, Milford	Robert Cowles Davis	25	25	Amherst	Lehard Le Maxfield
Aug. 13, Milford	Ann W. Ashbury	36	36	Millon Mills, N. H.	Priest, Milford
Aug. 13, Milford	Arthur William Nichols	23	23	Amherst	Catherine A. Kruger
Aug. 13, Milford	Gloria Dorothy Place	26	26	Amherst, N. H.	Justice of Peace, Amherst
Aug. 13, Milford	Maurice Morgan Young	23	23	Amherst	Merrell C. Petty
Aug. 13, Milford	Virginia Morgan Sweet	27	27	Wolfeboro	Clergyman, Wolfeboro
Aug. 13, Milford	Donald Charles Taylor	25	25	Saxtonville, Mass.	Catherine A. Kruger
Aug. 13, Milford	Patricia Elizabeth Hutchinson	18	18	Amherst	Justice of Peace, Amherst
Aug. 13, Milford	Harold F. Armstrong	19	19	Amherst	J. Wayne Haskell
Aug. 13, Milford	Evelyn Frances Plante	19	19	Amherst, N. H.	Clergyman, Milford

Sept. 23, Manchester	Perley Clarence Waite	55	Manchester, N. H.	Mark B. Strickland
Oct. 3, Durham	Bessie R. Sarno	56	Amherst	Clergyman, Manchester
Oct. 14, Milford	Richard T. Smith	43	Amherst	Charles W. Coulter
Nov. 1, Amherst	Kathleen M. Milner	23	Santa Barbara, Calif.	Clergyman, Durham
Nov. 25, Amherst	Robert Alden Rafter	22	Milford, N. H.	Francis Hogan
Dec. 2, Mont Vernon	Frances Chervinski	49	Amherst	Priest, Milford
Dec. 10, Hollis	Merrill Frances Sebring	43	Fitchburg, Mass.	Charles J. Lincoln
Dec. 24, Concord	Hectorine B. Bean	32	Milford, N. H.	Justice of Peace, Amherst
Dec. 9, Amherst	Richard Douglass Carr	30	Amherst	Maurice E. Barrett
	Eleanor Case Atkins	27	Amherst	Clergyman, Amherst
	Ralph Ward Jury	26	Medford, Mass.	Maurice E. Barrett
	Lois Shirley Pearson	61	Hollis, N. H.	Edwin A. Olson
	Laurence Everett Clark	47	Amherst	Clergyman, Hollis
	Elmo James Young	28	Concord, N. H.	Clinton L. Morrill
	Josephine Mercer	27	Amherst	Clergyman, Concord
	Ralph Ferry Johnson	41	Milford, N. H.	Maurice E. Barrett
	Virginia Stickney Marshall	37		Clergyman, Amherst

Births Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H. For the Year Ending December 31, 1950

Date and Place of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
1949			
Sept. 5, Nashua	Lesley Howard	Arthur Perriu	Carolyn M. Champeon
1950			
Jan. 9, Nashua	Dean Richard	Robert P. Ledoux	Joyce V. Tourville
Jan. 15, Manchester	Carol Louise	Otto Geo. Goldkamp	Mary Collins Shea
Jan. 19, Manchester	Rita Martha	Bert Ellice Berwick	Mary Ellen Whitney
Feb. 15, Nashua	Terry Ann	Harry B. Carter, Jr.	June P. Young
Feb. 26, Nashua	Carol Ann	Robert H. Young	Lucille A. Smith
Feb. 28, Nashua	Baby Girl	Carl E. Doane	Dorothy S. Browne
Apr. 6, Nashua	Mary Lu	Hibbert V. Miles	Elizabeth Richardson
Apr. 13, Nashua	John Prescott	Philip J. Currier	June C. Peterson
Apr. 23, Nashua	Harry Eklund	Norman E. Page	Brita Evelyn Monson
Apr. 27, Nashua	Janet Louise	Jesse Frank Hall	Barbara L. Carter
May 3, Manchester	Jeffrey Wayne	Arthur J. Gagnon	Eva B. Buzzell
May 8, Nashua	Patricia Lee	William W. Richards	Jeanette I. Eliot
June 4, Nashua	Charles Wendell	Norman T. Slayton	Emily L. Carney
June 7, Manchester	Frank Joseph	B'les'w Szczechowicz	Irene M. Kozicinski
June 7, Nashua	Gerald Perham	George C. Grasset	Arlene Perham
June 7, Nashua	Robert L.	Lawrence R. Nichols	Ellen H. Huntington
June 16, Nashua	Bonnie Lee	Roger Wm. Weston	Edith Frances Cass
June 27, Nashua	James Laurence	Joseph Walter Rock	Barbara Sweetser
June 29, Nashua	Donna Mae	James Wm. Lawson	Priscilla W. Thomas
July 6, Nashua	James Pinckney	Prentice Shethar	Janice McMichael
July 19, Manchester	Elizabeth Tucker	Wm. Tucker Cushman	Catherine White
July 23, Nashua	Laura May	Albert Leland Adams	Margaret L. Tyler
Aug. 8, Manchester	John Howard	Robert L. Michie	Theresa W. Caron
Aug. 12, Goffstown	Raymond Mark	Raymond L. Cilley	Barbara June Leland
Aug. 15, Nashua	Kathleen Martha	Donald C. Grant	Katherine Thompson
Aug. 25, Wareham, Mass.	Martha Viola	Millar Brainard, Jr.	Sarah W. Wheeldon
Sept. 4, Amherst	Constant Mary-S.	Benton L. Putnam	Mary S. Ensminger
Sept. 7, Manchester	Kevin Francis	Francis Leo Carroll	Mary M. Dunphy
Sept. 9, Nashua	Carla Marie	Fred E. Yunggebauer	Winone Ethel Cox
Sept. 23, Nashua	Dorothy Jean	Robert Hunt Currier	Arlene Asavo
Oct. 12, Nashua	Patricia Martha	Harold G. Frost	Lora Ethel Dion
Oct. 23, Nashua	Douglas Richard	Richard L. Miles	Evelyn E. Campbell
Oct. 29, Goffstown	Charles Kingsbury	Donald K. Holt	Helen Barbara Byrne
Nov. 9, Nashua	Mildred Norma	Richard J. Greenleaf	Elizabeth Ann Hall
Nov. 23, Nashua	Henry George	Frauk R. Philbrick	Eleanor Belle Cluche

Deaths Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H. For the Year Ending December 31, 1950

Date and Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age	Name of Father	Name of Mother
Feb. 12, Amherst	Frank Waterman Bates	72	David W. Bates	Abbie Jane Rice
Feb. 12, Amherst	Fred P. Laskey	70	Samuel S. Laskey	Nancy Rice
Feb. 28, Nashua	Baby Girl Doane	60	Carl Doane	Dorothy Brown
Apr. 5, Amherst	Edward David Griffin	88	Josiah Griffin	Sarah Lord
Apr. 8, Amherst	William Everett Balcom	62	John Balcom	Mary Blood
Apr. 17, Amherst	Lizzie J. Hodgman	76	Solomon Jacobs	Sarah Stevens
May 11, Amherst	Michael Richard Stone	29	Ernest H. Stone	Willette S. Foss
May 26, Pembroke	Agnes Margaret Keenan	77	Frank Keenan	Henrietta McCombie
May 27, Manchester	James Hampden Phelps	70	Philip J. Currier	Mary Jane Armstrong
June 26, Amherst	Jacob Alexander Karmheim	34	Alexander Karmheim	Cecelia Koenig
July 24, Nashua	John Prescott Currier	68	Daniel Duquette	June C. Peterson
Aug. 6, Amherst	Sylvio D. Duquette	87	Blessw Szececkowicz	Angeline Ouellette
Sept. 11, Manchester	Frank J. Szececkowicz	87	George Rae	Irene Kozichski
Sept. 22, Amherst	Margaret R. Rutter	73	Samuel Wright	Janet Padrick
Sept. 28, Amherst	Harriett Wright Bundy	85	Stephen H. Emerson	Cordelia Marsh
Oct. 2, Amherst	Frank H. Emerson	58	Alexander Taylor	Martha Frost
Oct. 10, Amherst	Euphemia Taylor Reed	60	Benjamin Leetman	Margaret Benson
Oct. 13, Amherst	Eva Georgelis	68	Thomas Hall	Caroline Brooks
Oct. 19, Amherst	Woodbury Carroll Hall	68	? Tyler	? Young
Oct. 21, Amherst	Verna E. Farrin	48	John McDonald	? Hastings
Dec. 5, Grasmere	John J. McDonald	48	John McDonald	Emma Hopkins

Weep not that their toils are over;

Weep not that their race is run;

God grant we may rest as calmly

When our work, like theirs, is done;

Till then we would yield with gladness

Our treasures to Him to keep,

And rejoice in the sweet assurance —

He giveth His loved ones sleep.

Brought From Away and Buried in Town

Date and Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age	Cemetery
Mar. 29, Milford	Elmer Porter Wheeler	67	Meadowview
Apr. 22, Somerville, Mass.	Patrick Fitzpatrick	83	St. Patrick's
May 12, Orange, N. J.	Helen E. Melendy	98	Meadowview
May 6, Goffstown	Sidney C. Terris	67	St. Patrick's
May 23, Goffstown	Jack H. Humbert	76	St. Patrick's
May 27, Milford	Fred Ambrose Hutchinson	80	St. Patrick's
June 2, Nashua	Ellen Hassett	78	St. Patrick's
June 9, Nashua	Sally Ann Shaughnessy	0	St. Patrick's
July 25, Lawrence, Mass.	Alonzo O. McKinley	62	Meadowview
Aug. 9, Goffstown	Daniel McPhee	81	St. Patrick's
Sept. 7, Nashua	Eva C. Nichols	58	St. Patrick's
Sept. 15, Hudson	Bertha Adeline Goodale	71	Meadowview
Oct. 1, Milford	James A. Casey	74	St. Patrick's
Oct. 8, New Haven, Conn.	Anna Foley	57	St. Patrick's
Oct. 31, Nashua	John Lorden	80	St. Patrick's
Nov. 14, Nashua	Margaret Fitzgerald	79	St. Patrick's
Nov. 17, Worcester, Mass.	Stella M. Herrick	88	Meadowview
Nov. 20, Milford	Alice Gertrude Clarkin	77	St. Patrick's
Nov. 28, Manchester	Isabelle G. Shaughnessy	83	St. Patrick's
Dec. 28, Milford	Viola Arline Senecal	48	St. Patrick's
Dec. 30, Milford	Mary Ann Hurley	88	St. Patrick's
	0 20 Days		

Vital Statistics of a town are one of its most important records, not merely for today, but for generations to come. If everyone would see to it that the records of their own families were fully and correctly filled out on Marriage, Birth and Death certificates, it might be of great help in making out the records of today.

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CATHERINE A. KRUGER, Town Clerk.

